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Coming to You by Way of

The General Secretary

Contest Stirs Interest in Citizenship

New interest in Christian Citizenship has been aroused by the Third Annual Contest of International Society. Many youth have been alerted to its significance and their responsibilities. Hundreds of newspapers and magazines throughout the United States and Canada have published pictures and the story of the winners. In several instances winning letters or parts of letters have been printed. The letter of Jana Woodrum, first award winner, has been placed in *The Congressional Record* of the United States Congress. We are grateful to the scores of men and women in many walks of life who were directors of contests and judges. It is interesting to note the winners from the state and provincial levels up were members of eleven different denominations or brotherhoods. There were six from Churches of Christ and Christian (Disciple) Churches. Five were Presbyterians — four from the Presbyterian Church U.S.A and one from Presbyterian Church U.S. Other denominations represented are Evangelical United Brethren, Reformed in America, African Methodist Episcopal Zion, Anglican, Baptist, Congregational, Methodist, and Seventh Day Baptist. Word has come that Top Winner Jana Woodrum of Berthoud, Colorado, who will receive $250.00 and a trip to the World's Convention, has won other honors. In June she will take a trip to the United Nations as winner of an essay contest sponsored by the Northern Colorado District Odd Fellows Lodges.

The Ministry of Ink

"I cannot conceive of the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ spreading throughout the world without the use of Christian literature. Since the printing press was invented it has become in some respects the chief Gospel messenger—a silent one, to be sure, and yet ofttimes more effective than the spoken word." This is a quotation from the writings of Dr. Francis E. Clark, founder of Christian Endeavor. To help minister to individuals and to young people's societies International Christian Endeavor is constantly publishing materials. Two very popular booklets which are used in thousands of Christian Endeavor societies each year are just off the press. These are the Senior-Young People's and Intermediate editions of the Program Guide for Christian Endeavor societies. The Senior-Young People's edition has been written by Charles O. Heyward, field secretary for Maryland, Virginia, and District of Columbia. The Intermediate edition has been authored by your general secretary. Secure copies of these to help in the planning for the church year.

For Your Information

Rev. Brenton J. K. Arthur, who has served three years as the general secretary of the Ohio C.E. Union, resigned April 30 to become full-time pastor of the Maynard Avenue Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio — *Rev. Ithiel V. Master,* former vice-president of India C.E. Union, received a degree from Asbury Seminary, Wilmore, Kentucky, May 31. — *Dr. J. Wilson Byers,* Fort Collins, Colorado, a trustee of International Society, has been elected a vice-president of National Council of Presbyterian Men. — *James M. Thompson,* president of Pennsylvania Union, and his wife, Esther, are being congratulated on the arrival of Elizabeth Ann, April 24. — *David Heyward,* former field secretary for Iowa and Wisconsin C.E. Unions, graduated from McCormick Theological Seminary, May 6. — *James A. Brown,* Washington, D. C., first president of the Golden Rule Union and a life member of International Society, died suddenly in Chicago May 2. Mr. Brown was serving as a member of the committee planning for the World's C.E. Convention.

Gene Stone

ne World Through Christ

Washington, D. C., Scene of World Convention

TTENTION of Christian Endeavorers around the world is being focused on Washington, D. C.

oung people from more than a score of countries and ughout North America are preparing for their trek to capital city of the United States for the 12th World's stian Endeavor Convention to be held July 24-28.

high time of inspiration and fellowship is anticipated n there will be challenges and discussions on evangelism, d peace and brotherhood, extension of Christian En- or and training of youth around the world.

r. Daniel A. Poling, head of the World's Union since , will preside at business sessions and will speak at the ng service Wednesday, July 28.

Billy Graham to Speak

mong the highlights will be the Sunday afternoon serv- t the foot of the Washington Monument when Dr. Billy ham, evangelist, who has recently completed an outstand- campaign in England, will speak. Dr. Graham will give port of his European experiences and give a challenge to h. It is anticiptaed that an audience of 30,000 or more be present. Billy Graham's team will be with him.

ashington leaders are getting things in readiness to be hosts to Endeavorers from around the globe. Merritt nith is chairman of the Planning Committee. Dr. Ernest ryan, general secretary of the World's Union in charge rea No. 1, is heading up the program planning.

pre-convention concert will be presented by the Kawaia- Church Choir of Honolulu, Hawaii in the Ballroom of Mayflower Hotel, Friday evening, July 23. This choir be one of the feature musical attractions for meetings e convention.

Delegates will be entertained at a tea in the Nineteenth Street Baptist Church Saturday afternoon. The opening session will be Saturday, 7:30 p. m. in the Mayflower Hotel, which will be headquarters.

Plan Ceremony at Oak Tree

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning there will be quiet hour services, conferences and business sessions of the World's Union. The afternoons will be given over to sightseeing in Washington and vicinity. One afternoon the group will go to Mt. Vernon, the home of George Washington, where there will be a ceremony at the Christian Endeavor Tree. At the first World's Christian Endeavor Convention held in Washington, D. C. in July of 1896 an oak tree was planted at Mt. Vernon near the original tomb of George Washington by Dr. Francis E. Clark. A special 50th anniversary of the planting of the oak tree was observed July 14, 1946 when Merritt L. Smith, head of the committee for planning the World's Convention, was chairman for the occasion.

Rev. Arno Pagel, president of the German Christian Endeavor Union, will speak at the mass meeting Monday evening. A talk will also be given by Dr. G. Bromley Oxnam, Bishop of the Methodist Church for the Washington area and president of the World Council of Churches.

Dr. Harry N. Holmes, former vice-president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union will speak at the meeting Tuesday evening.

Honors For Citizenship Winners

Special recognition will be given to winners in the Third Christian Citizenship Award Contest sponsored by International Society of Christian Endeavor. Jana Woodrum of

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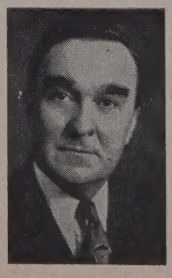
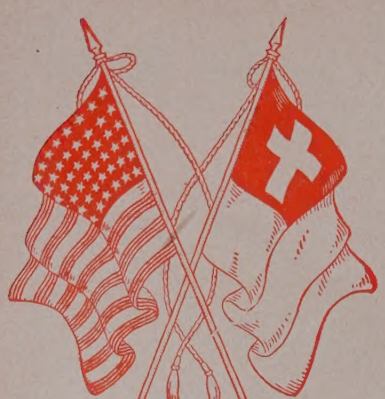
MERRITT L. SMITH, of Washington, D. C., is chairman of the general committee that is responsible for the hospitality and arrangements for the world gathering.

DR. DANIEL A. POLING, head of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, will preside at sessions of the convention and speak at the closing meeting Wednesday night.





A Letter To My Congressman . . .

(This letter and her record of citizenship activities won for Rita Jean Tren of Vincennes, Indiana, second place in the 1954 Christian Citizenship Awar Contest sponsored by the International Society of Christian Endeavor.)

My dear Sir:

"Car Hit at Intersection — High School Bandsman Killed," "Crime Rate on Increase," "Commission Probes for Reds in Government," House Burned as Negro Family Moves into White District." These are typical headlines carried almost daily in our newspapers and magazines. They are echoed to our attention by radio broadcasts and brought before our eyes by television and newsreel.

Why did this accident happen in which our bandsman was killed? (my friend and last year's County Christian Endeavor's treasurer and toastmaster) *Why* has our rate increased? *Why* do we have Communists within our government? *Why* does race hatred exist?

Why? Why? Why . . . Heartbroken parents cry it, Law Enforcement Officers seek it, underprivileged races ask it.————There is a reason; *lack of Christian attitudes.* There is a hope, *Christian citizenship.*

What is Christian Citizenship? I define it as citizenship attained by harmonizing the teachings of Christ with the full political rights guaranteed to me by my country.

I'll never forget that first headline. Nor can I ever forget the manner in which death occurred;—hit by another young man (near my friend's age) who was speeding, had been drinking, and was on the wrong side of the street *attempting* to drive. Disobedience of the Law resulted in death to a very fine young man and the memory of being a killer indelibly printed upon the conscience of the other.—Two young lives ruined because *ONE* was lacking in Christian teaching . . . The Bible teaches, "Let us walk honestly, as in the day, *not* in rioting and drunkenness."

Five major causes of crime are carelessness, idleness, ignorance, criminal environment, and heredity. When will the crime in our county cease?—Not until *all* people realize that the old saying, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," is true . . . The teachings of Christ are the prevention—*And The Cure.*

A friend of the family was visiting Billy's home. She asked him what he wanted to be when he grew up. Billy told her he wanted to be a politician. —Billy's folks were horrified at his answer! "Now, Billy," said his Dad, "You don't want to be a politician. They're just a bunch of crooks."—What an attitude! How much better it would have been to encourage Billy to be a politician and see to it that he is brought up in the Christian-way-of-life. If he is taught Christian principles he will not be tempted to be dishonest when temptations come his way, for if a person really believes in Christ and is educated to *know* HIS way, he would not be willing to throw it away for such things as Communism. It appears to me that a person accepting Communism is one who is searching for something he doesn't have. Perhaps security. Then he listens and "falls" for "Red" propaganda.——A Christian has found in Christ the things he has been seaching for . . . *Security, Peace And Happiness.*

The subject of racial discrimination is much discussed. For instance, the Negro is a citizen of our country but he is still not socially accepted by most people. We are *all* equal in GOD'S sight;—the division is between believers and unbelievers. Not between black and white,—not between red and yellow.

Long ago the Negroes were brought to this land as captives to work as cheap labor for men desiring wealth. Through Christian principles they have been freed as slaves. Nevertheless, they still lack the social freedom that the white race enjoys.

Two weeks ago a very intelligent Negro man and woman from Liberia, Africa were in Vincennes. They are in the United States studying our American Educational System. The teacher, who was to be their guide, called the restaurants to make arrangements meals for this couple. Each restau called replied that their presence wo be most UNwelcome! What kind opinion of our freedom will they t home to their people? How would I if I were in their place,—shunned cause I was born a different color the world knows that we treat par our citizens this way then how can possibly have world peace?

In a democracy public opinion te to rule. However, public opinion rise no higher than the beliefs and id of its citizens. Because of this fact, no tion can be more intelligent, more j or more righteous than are its g masses of citizens. What better gu for our ideals could we find than th inspired words of Christian Citizens written in the thirteenth chapter of mans, verses seven to ten inclus "Render therefore to all their dues: t ute to whom tribute is due; custom whom custom; fear to whom fear; h our to whom honour. Owe no man a thing, but to love one another: for that loveth another hath fulfilled law. For this, Thou shalt not com adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou s not steal, Thou shalt not bear false ness, Thou shalt not covet; and if th be any other commandment, it is bri comprehended in this saying, nam Thou shalt love thy neighbour as self. Love worketh no ill to his ne bour: therefore love is the fulfill of the law."—How much better country would be if we would all ply these teachings to our lives.

Mr. Congressman, Christianity *always been, is,* and *will forever b* powerful moral force working for betterment of home, national, and ternational relationships . . . This *why* I speak for Christian Citizensh

Sincerely,

RITA JEAN TRENT

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WO

I Speak For Christian Citizenship

(Here are paragraphs from some of the letters of winners in the finals of the Third Christian Endeavor Christian Citizenship Award Contest.)

he Christian home, in order to have ristian Citizenship" displayed, ıld have a democratic family, not one which is "parent dominat-" The democratic family is one in ch the whole family discusses prob- among themselves and decides mat- in that way. A "parent dominating" ily is a type in which "Christian zenship" is not often seen, and in ch the parents are always bossing r children and many arguments re-

Jimmy H. Hensley
Bristol, Tennessee
Winner of the Southern Region

ow we come to the problem of liq- liquor which has ruined the lives great number of people. By this id means, people can make disgraces hemselves, their friends, and their d ones. Truly, the Bible does not se anything which can bring harm ny of God's people. It should be ized by everyone that the body ch God has given to us is the temple ur souls and that it should be pro- d and kept sound physically as well nentally. Therefore, anything such lcohol which can mar or dull our tions or senses and help to break n the cells of our bodies is definitely completely wrong. For the Chris- youth of today, the challege stands he must not only protect his own ple, but must, even at personal sacri- endeavor to keep the temples of his w men whole and dedicated to God.

John Shellenberger, Jr.
Little Falls, New Jersey
Winner of the Middle Atlantic Region

When one becomes interested in Christian citizenship, countless ways to practice it may be found. Whatever the individual's talents and abilities, they may be put to good use. As I am active in journalism and speech, I find many opportunities to write and to speak on such topics as brotherhood, the rights of minorities, the obligation to become intelligent voters, and the need to undergird America with spiritual strength to combat Communism. Good citizenship is emphasized in school life. Moral and spiritual values are reflected in school publications. Social studies made in school lead to community service. Students are given opportunities to address civic groups. Thomas Jefferson prayed that the God who gave us life might give us liberty at the same time, forever linking us for God and country. The youth of America must affirm, and reaffirm in each generation, the religious convictions which will keep our nation strong. Then shall we live as God ordains, free people helping to build a free world.

Lucigrace Switzer
Grand Island, Nebraska
Third Award Winner

Diseases and bad habits such as the use of narcotics, alcohol, gambling and greed is a condition of the times brought about by the transition of population from rural to urban centers, by people's loss of confidence in each other's honesty of purpose, by wars and rumors of wars, by lack of confidence in the truth of the Christian religion, by a deep sense of insecurity and a general desire for relief from the stresses of life itself. Drinking of alcoholic beverages, the use of narcotics, gambling and smoking are so wasteful that they have grown to be an economic sink-hole from which the nation and our civilization may have difficulty in recovering. Accidents due to alcoholism must be paid for by society as a whole. Alcohol robs children of their natural right to a proper education, suitable clothing, adequate nourishment, and a gentle calm environment. Such waste places undue strain in our social services . . . . The influence of tobacco, alcohol, and narcotics causes many diseases of the mind and body and is the cause of many early deaths. The physical effectiveness and strength of people decreases with their use.

Mary Ruth Coverdale Mount
Montreal, Quebec, Canada
Canadian Winner

The fault of a great number of Christian citizens is their proneness to regard all politics as "dirty business" and to steer away from political activities. If Christians make no effort to correct the deficiencies in our political system, I see no hope for improving the situation. The mere marking of a few "x's" on the ballot sheet does not fulfill the Christian's civic obligations. He must listen critically to campaign speeches and read objectively newspaper and magazine articles to acquaint himself with the Christian citizenship record of political candidates. When there is an absence of qualified candidates, it is then the Christian's duty to place on the ballot those persons whom he knows to uphold Christian principles. If he, himself, has the qualifications, he must not neglect this opportunity to serve God and his country. The Christian must keep well informed of both local and national governmental activities, not only during political campaigns, but at all times.

Marilyn Neill
Portland, Oregon
Winner of Pacific Region

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It's In The Congressional Record

The letter Jana Woodrum wrote to her congressman is in THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. With the letter and her record for citizenship ana was awarded first place in the Christian Citizenship Contest for Christian Endeavor. Jana's congressman, Honorable William S. Hill of Colorado, old of the contest and placed Jana's letter in extension of remarks of THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of the Unites States Congress of May 4.

George Washington's Home . . .

Christian Endeavorers attending the 12th World's Convention in Washington, D. C., July 24-28, will take time out during an afternoon of the meetings to visit Mt. Vernon, the home of the First President of the United States. At

Peace Oak Tree . . .

Mt. Vernon a ceremony will be held by the peace located near the original tomb of George Washington. "Christian Endeavor" tree was planted July 14, 1896 Dr. Francis E. Clark when the first World's C. E. Con tion was held in the Capital City.

WORLD CONVENTION

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Berthoud, Colorado, will receive the first award of $250.00 and will have her expenses paid to Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Forrest R. Moore, sponsors of the Growing Christian Endeavor Society of First Christian Church, Canton, Ohio, will be at the convention as guests of THE LOOKOUT. They were winners of a contest for sponsors conducted by the magazine.

Fellowship Tour

Following the convention a number of Christian Endeavorers will go on a Fellowship Tour of the International Society. This will be by deluxe motor coach to the northeast part of the United States. It will be an all expense personally conducted tour for ten days and eleven nights at the cost of $195.00. Additional details may be secured from Harold E. Westerhoff, Manager, Tour Department, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio.

For YOUNG ADULTS

Making Good as Young Couples is an excellent study book for young adult groups.

This volume written by Bert H. Davis, associate editor of *The Christian Endeavor World*, and Dr. T. Otto Nall, editor of *The Christian Advocate*, tells of 17 typical marriages that might have failed — one of them was actually "on the rocks" — but are now on their way to successful adjustment. These are real-life stories based on actual interviews with the young couples themselves.

Groups wishing to use this book for discussion may secure it during month of June at the special price of $1.00 from the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio.

Bible in 1,077 Languages

Today, the Bible — or at least one Book — has been translated and published into 1,077 languages and dialects. This includes 200 whole Bible translations, 257 complete Testament translations, and 620 whole Books.

CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP

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One of youth's major problem overcoming prejudices. People so o judge other with no basis whatso for their judgement. "Judge not, we be not judged" is one of Ch teachings in Matthew. Prejudices usually from lack of knowledge. Be investigating the reason for a cer idea, we are likely to express an opi for or against. Primarily importa the need for abolishing racial and gious prejudices. America is a country where supposedly each pe has the same equal rights and the dom of choosing the religion he pre Why do we abuse these freedoms? derneath we are all alike in so m more important ways that today's yo must strive to abolish the prejudice creed, color, and race if we are to united world.

Lucille Ann Gould

Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts

Winner of the North Atlantic Regio

INTERMEDIATES INSTALLED

Officers of the Philadelphia (Pennsylva Union took over their duties at a rally A 24 with John Harper presiding. Leaders sh are: First row (left to right) — Ruth B Lenore Wright, Jo Anne Keltie, Marie Mo president; Mary Raignel, Lois McConemy. ond row (left to right) — George Windle, lene Zippel, May Carter, Ellen Buchar William Wright, Doris Maul, Edna Zapp, J Hewitt. Third row (left to right) — J Meyers, William Weiler, Joan Riffel, How Gilbert, and Anthony Di Benedetto.

—Photo by Joan R

Dr. Clyde Meadows Speaks at Rally in Jerusalem

Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, vice-president f International Society, has returned om a trip to the Holy Land and other laces where he met a number of Chris- an Endeavor leaders.

Dr. Meadows was accompanied by his ife. Also on the trip were Mr. and Mrs. oah Myers of Greencastle, Pennsyl- ania, Christian Endeavorers who are embers of the King Avenue United rethren Church, Chambersburg, Penn- lvania, where Dr. Meadows has been astor for 26 years.

Easter Sunday evening Dr. Meadows reached to a group of 150 people at a lly in the YMCA on the Israel side in rusalem. On his way to the Holy nd Dr. Meadows met in London, Al- n J. Ramsey, editor of the monthly agazine of the British Christian En- avor Union. He attended a meeting Christian Endeavorers in London in chapel where a Christian Endeavor eeting was in session at the time that e church was bombed during the war. his church is called the Rye Lane apel.

While in the world's largest city Dr. eadows attended the Billy Graham eetings. He waited one hour to get to the Harringay Arena which seats er 12,000 people.

On his tour, which was mostly by air- ane, Dr. and Mrs. Meadows visited gland, France, Italy, Egypt, the Holy nd, Switzerland, Germany and Hol- nd. This trip was made possible by all penses being paid by the King Street nited Brethren Church as a 25th an- versary present to the Meadows.

OUTH OF CAYMAN ISLANDS ARK C. E. BIRTHDAY

Christian Endeavorers of the Cayman ands, British West Indies, had a busy ne marking the birthday of the pioneer uth movement.

Youth of Elmslie Memorial Presby- ian Church in Georgetown had an t-of-doors service the first night with banquet Tuesday in Town Hall when nest Panton, assistant commissioner of e Islands, presided. A rally for Endeav- ers from all parts of the island was ld Wednesday. Thursday night a eting was held on the West Side and Friday a missionary program was nducted. A radio broadcast was given turday and a special service was pre- ted on Christian Endeavor Sunday.

Return To Old Scenes

By Daniel A. Poling

Editor's Note — Dr. Poling, who was sponsor of "The Christian Herald" Tour to the Holy Lands, sent this article to "The Christian Endeavor World" from Athens, Greece. Dr. and Mrs. Poling are pictured in Egypt at the great pyramid Khofo.

For five weeks Mrs. Poling and I have been revisiting old scenes and places in the Mediterranean. We have gone again to Beirut and Lebanon where in 1935 we attended the Bible Lands Christian Endeavor Conference and to Athens where we celebrated our wedding anniversary in that same year by reading together on Mars Hill Paul's immortal sermon.

In old Jerusalem we have stood once more before "Gordon's Tomb" of Jesus in its beautiful garden setting and we have walked on the street of Damascus that was, and is still, called "Straight." But one who was with us there radiant in the flesh, was with us now only in spirit—but she was surely with us! Helen Lyon Jones accompanied us around the world on that memorable Christian Endeavor journey of nearly 20 years ago and ever since she has been in love and service, in her giving (generous beyond all others she has been) and in her planning, at the very heart of every Christian Endeavor ministry and mission both at home and abroad. Thus it was that our return to old scenes and places in this storied Mediterranean and Near Eastern area, became in a real sense a memorial journey for Helen.

Christian Endeavor on Island of Cyprus

How she would rejoice in what we have seen and experienced. For the first time I visited our thriving Christian Endeavor Society on the Island of Cyprus. This splendid group is associated with the College and Mission of the Reformed Presbyterian Church (Covenanter) located at Larnaca. It is an inspiring testimony to the evangelical ministry of our movement in all missionary lands. Mrs. Poling and I spent a delightful half day with the Copeland and Hutcheson families, with their friends and with the lovely and earnest young people of Christian Endeavor.

In Nazareth we met again after 19 years Robert Risk who was secretary of the society in Christ Church then and who continues his vital interest in world-wide Christian Endeavor. He had just received his March issue of *The Christian Endeavor World.* He would not think of life without this house organ of our world movement. Mr. Risk has a small shop just below the Church of the Annunciation and on the main street of Nazareth. No Christian Endeavorer should ever visit Nazareth without calling on Robert and his lovely family—Mrs. Risk and their three beautiful dark-haired daughters.

Not far away, only a few steps, is the well from which a little boy whose name was Jesus came to draw water for his mother whose name was Mary.

Visit Preparation for World Convention

I am glad that in my mental and spiritual preparation for the Washington World's Christian Endeavor Convention I have been privileged to walk again where Jesus walked and to visit our Christian Endeavor centers in Europe and nearer Asia. I shall look forward with added enthusiasm and hopefulness to meeting face to face in our own beautiful national capital Christian Endeavorers from every great human center of the world. As I write these lines I am moving toward London where I have a rendezvous to keep with British Christian Endeavorers and with Billy Graham I have been and felt too the life of Christian fellowship and faith in these ancient Bible Lands. "For Christ and the Church" is everywhere in the world both a motto and a way of life for tens of thousands of young people. Now in old scenes and places revisited, I have known again the power of Christ to redeem and His grace to set free from age-old bonds.

ADVERTISE WORLD CONVENTION

Arch J. McQuilkin leads a group in a skit telling of con ing Washington sessions at the conference of the Midd Atlantic Region of International Society at Hershey, Pen sylvania, May 1. Mr. McQuilkin is a former vice-preside of International Society. A total of 463 attended the se sions. Alden Imus presided with B. McClain Cochran registrar.

—Photo by Joan Rif

Via The Eye And Ear

The Thousand Words

by Amy Deck Faust

The Chinese proverb, "One picture is worth a thousand words," like many other proverbs cannot stand alone. A picture may sometimes be worth more or less than the thousand prescribed. Then, the worth of the picture depends upon the picture itself, how it is used, and those who view it.

Like all audio-visuals, there is no one simple answer to the use of these tools of instruction. However, it should always be noted that a simple picture or object may often be more effective than the most difficult forms of projected or broadcasted art.

Teaching Objects

An object, a map, a picture, poster, or diorama may serve as the most useful tool of visual instruction in many cases. With our American love for motion, for machinery, and for the advance of the new, we may often neglect the most effective means of instruction because of our zeal to pursue the latest form.

Of course, projection of both voice and sight is not really new. The refinements of it, the ease of use, and the general availability is new. In our appreciation for light-weight, aircooled projectors, and large-size color television sets, let's never forget the worth and power of a simple object or a meaningful picture.

Pictures and maps are plentiful. Our magazines, books, newspapers and poster panels are filled with this material. Some of it may be very useful for religious instruction. Other materials may be worthless. When the many sources of good materials are found it would be to our advantage to preserve those findings.

Let us assume that in the church school curriculum materials you have found a number of teaching pictures. Other materials have been found in magazines. A map, a chart, and a free replica of the Declaration of Independence is in the collection. The picture to be useful must often be framed. The maps and larger displays must be mounted. How is this to be done?

Various commercial companies and art dealers have materials that will aid, but generally speaking the mounting of all of these materials may be simply done by one of two methods; *wet mount* or *dry mount.*

Mounting Pictures

Most teachers are familiar with the process of wet mounting. A map or chart is laid face down on a smooth surface. It is covered with unbleached muslin, or other cotton or linen material properly preshrunk. Water and wall paper paste are liberally applied and all wrinkles rolled out with a rolling pin. By tacking down the edges during the drying process, the completed map or chart is fastened to fabric and may be preserved by rolling or storing flat. A water-proof surfacing may further to the life of the material.

Dry mounting is used to affix a pict map, or chart to a cardboard, or po surface. Many camera supply shops h materials and full details for this wo Even rubber cement, glue, or library p will serve in this method.

Materials dry mounted are easily sto flat on shelves, or in files. However, later display there may be the need cover the surface with plastic, (sheet liquid spray) or to enclose in glass. Fr ing need not be expensive. Old pict frames, glass windows, and table tops, n be hand cut to size and fastened to mounted picture by means of even simple and inexpensive use of bind tape. Camera supply stores carry binding tape in black and colors. T sheets of glass may be mounted toget with space for the insertion of two pictu This will make it possible for one side be displayed and then by turning the ot side a new picture may be seen.

There are many other factors to be c sidered in the use of common availa objects, but it must be remembered t with so many materials available, there no excuse for neglecting audio-visuals, they serve the purpose.

One of the most effective ways to p pare, file, and use non-projected mater is for all teachers and leaders concer to find their materials and meet for night to work together in the process mounting and displaying such tools. P haps by such ways we may add to effectiveness of our words and by b sight and sound teach our truths.

Mayor Speaks

Honorable John A. Scott, chief executive of South Bend, Indiana, is shown addressing a banquet of the Christian Endeavorers of Memorial Presbyterian Church where Rev. Stephen Kalabany is pastor. Mr. Scott, who is a former president of St. Joseph County (Indiana) Christian Endeavor Union, told of his recent tour of the Holy Lands.

2,000 At Easter Service

More than 2000 persons attended Easter Sunrise service sponsored by Christian Endeavor Union and Yo For Christ at Wichita, Kansas. Rev. B Blaine, Regional vice-president of Kansas Union was the speaker. T service was broadcast over radio stat KFH.

The Anniversary Banquet of South Central District of Kansas held Wichita was attended by more than 2 people.

You'll find many helpful ideas in new editions of "A Program Guide F Christian Endeavor Societies."

Forward With Christ - Through World Friendship

Rev. and Mrs. Penn Howard of Alexandria, Virginia, who have been on a Christian Endeavor World Friendship Tour for more than a year, hope to return to the United States in time to tell of experiences at the World's Convention in Washington, D. C., July 24-28.

For a good portion of their time the Howards were working out of Kandy, Ceylon. They spent more than a month in India observing Christian Endeavor in action in many villages and cities. In the picture at the left taken at Kauanoor, India, Mrs. Howard is the second from the left. Mr. Howard is shown in the center. Mrs. Solomon Doraisawmy, wife of the Christian Endeavor field secretary for India, is at the right. Mrs. Howard is second from left in the center picture taken at Nammani, India. At the right Christian Endeavor nurses and their wards are shown at Neemuch, Central India. After India the Howards visited in the Philippines and Japan. They are now in the Hawaiian Islands.

C. E. Conferences and Conventions

JNE

- 6—Kansas, Wichita
- 6—Iowa, Orange City
- 6—Kentucky, Monticello
-11—West Virginia, Martinsburg
-20—Indiana, Indianapolis
-20—Texas, San Marcos
-27—Minnesota, Medicine Lake
-27—California, Berkeley
-27—Michigan, Detroit
-27—Ohio, New Philadelphia
-27—Wisconsin, Sheboygan
-July 3—Massachusetts (Conference), Northfield
-July 2—North Carolina (Summer Conference), Blue Ridge

JLY

-18—Illinois, Springfield
-23—Virginia, Massanetta Springs
-28—12th World's Christian Endeavor Convention, Washington, D. C.
-29—Youth Assembly, International Society, Washington, D. C.
-August 7—Ontario (Summer School), Chesley Lake Camp

UGUST

- 7—Rocky Mountain Leaders' Conference, Estes Park, Colorado
-14—Pennsylvania, Chambersburg
-28—Washington (Conference), Ravensdale

SEND CHILDREN TO CAMP

The Fresh Air Department of the Brooklyn Christian Endeavor Union will send more than 50 children for ten days to Camp Brett owned by the Hudson County (N. J.) Christian Endeavor Union. Brooklyn Endeavorers have been helping city children with camp experiences for over 50 years. Carl A. Pierson is superintendent of the work.

CONCERT AIDS MISSIONS

The first combined choir concert of the Inter-State Union of Armenian Christian Endeavor societies of New Jersey, Philadelphia, and New York was held in Armenian Evangelical Church, New York April 25. Proceeds went to the missionary work of the union in North Syria.

ANTHEM COMPETITION

Composers are invited to participate in the annual anthem competition of the Capital University Chapel Choir Conductors' Guild. The contest closes September 1. Rules may be secured by writing Everett Mehrley, Contest Secretary, Mees Conservatory, Capital University, Columbus 9, Ohio.

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Mr. and Mrs.

YOU will get from marriage only what you put into it. Have a strong religious faith, and live by it.

Keep these old-fashioned virtues shined up in daily use: kindness, trustworthiness, thrift, loyalty.

Such advice—with more to follow, comes from no one couple experiencing success in marriage, but from many.

Years ago I began to collect the thoughtful comments of married folks who had found in their partnership just such happiness, satisfaction and other blessings as the minister and others were praying for when they were united in marriage.

One of my earliest notes (1935) includes advice from an Illinois couple, given when they were celebrating their sixty-fifth wedding anniversary. Couples with from ten to forty-eight years of Christian married experience are also represented in the notes I have been saving.

When Dr. T. Otto Nall and I wrote a book, *Making Good as Young Couples,* published in 1953, we were looking constantly for those with only a few years of experience in marrage yet who seemed to be heading down the same pleasant and rewarding pathway that these older friends have traveled. And of course we found many young married folks "making good," and might have packed a whole shelf-ful of volumes with similar true stories.

A meeting of a Young Adult unit, centering on *Mr. and Mrs.* "success stories," can prove to be one of the most interesting and influential you've ever held. Do not depend on this page for your specific program materials; get those firsthand from hometown couples with several or many years of marriage. It may interest you to compare the counsel these neighbors give with the ideas gathered for this Workshop.

The first paragraph of this article points to the importance of *unselfishness.* In marriage, for a certainty, you must give much to gain much. The happy older couples I've known long since pooled or merged their objectives—what the two-as-one wanted from life. Jim revised his recreational patterns after marriage, so that his fishing trips, bowling and golf were not solely engaged in with men, but often with couples. Joan gave up enough of her "fun with the girls" to be usually at home to serve their evening meal. The wife also went in for more reading—says one of my reports—in order to have more common interests to talk about with the man in her life.

So much unselfish unity goes into many a successful marital partnership that Mr. and Mrs. Holmes would say that they grew to *look more alike* as they became older and that's by no means a novel discovery among older couples! But *being* more alike in the choices a married person makes and *becoming* like-minded in such matters as religious loyalties, home discipline, and budgeting of income probably count for much more than arriving at certain external similarities.

Religious loyalties rank among the values Mr. and Mrs. need to share in fairly equal degree. For that reason, the marriage of boy and girl of widely different religious backgrounds presents problems above and beyond the usual ones.

The desired balance does not give a man warrant to say, "I guess my religion is mostly in my wife's name," nor provide for the wife an attitude expressed by "Tom has so many important things to look after at church Sunday mornings that I send him off and stay home with the children." Of course the children and their mother should be at church too, and most churches find ways to make a place for the tiny babes as well as both parents.

That the wife's assignment is "attending services" and the man's "giving money" is also an uneven and dividing concept of religious loyalties. Founding the home on stewardship of both talents and money is a good way to prepare for that happy golden anniversary.

"Old-fashioned virtues"—what are they and why are they important in 1954? Let us remember that the Christian cause is judged by its fruits, and particularly by the way in which Christian couples and their families conduct themselves seven days a week—in home life, forms of relaxation, devotion to high ideals, use of money and other resources, preparation of the children for useful and unselfish living, concern for the happiness and welfare of friends and neighbors and of the world at large. For the happy home, nothing beats personal integrity and the united determination of man and wife, father and mother, to show forth Christ as Head of the household.

We continue with the list created out of life itself, from the advice and observations of many older couples:

Keep your sense of humor alive and growing. This will somewhat reduce your self-esteem, for you must be willing to be laughed at rather than to enjoy only poking fun at others.

Find fault as little as possible. This advi isn't directed solely at husband in relati to wife, or the opposite. Picking outside flaws, in the intimate conversations of wi and husband, is a poor occupation and o that can sharpen the critical habits so th eventually not even your life's partner being spared in your fault-finding. Lo for what is good and commendable!

Put down roots. If your vocation pe mits, try to live in the same communi and in the same house or apartment f fairly lengthy periods. This helps in yo friendships, in church life, in the schooli of children, in "having a home." Buying home is a wonderful experience in marri partnership.

Raise a family. And the verb is careful chosen! Raise, train, nurture your boys a girls, prepare them for life, and then the later years, release them from anythi like constant attendance on and consul tion with you, for they too have choices make and work and pleasures to engage Make the most of the children's activiti while they are sharing in your home life they do grow up and reach out in just few years!

Make provision for loss of health or li It should be a natural happening, not mo bid or pessimistic, that husband and wi make some plans for crises such as illne and death. The husband and father ne not look on this as his private proble the family's savings and insurance progra might well be arrived at by practical d cussion and budgeting during the peri of health. Mary G., observing a forty-fif wedding anniversary, could well rememb that she and her husband many years b fore shared their ideas as to how s could support the home by designing a making children's clothing if her ma died or was kept from work by so serious illness.

Keep your marriage growing and f of future promise. The successful life-pa nership will have few dull days. Keep touch with friends, engage in good wor together, plan ahead for travel and hon improvement and even simple picnics, pr together for your blessings, believe in t glorious adventure of life everlasting!

YOUNG ADULT WORKSHOP

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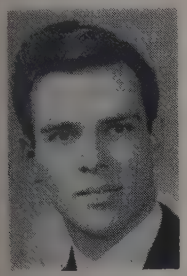
Making Good In Marriag

By BERT H. DAV

NEW MICHIGAN LEADER

Raymond E. Weiss has started his rk as new Field Secretary for the Michigan Christian Endeavor Union.



Raymond E. Weiss

Mr. Weiss, who graduated last month from Western Seminary of the Reformed urch in Holland, Michigan, is a tive of California. He is an alumnus Central College, Pella, Iowa, and ile there was active in the Christian deavor work of that state serving as airman of the Missionary and Poster mmittees. Mr. Weiss is to be exined for licensure for the ministry by e Classis of California June 17.

It is Mr. Weiss' hope to some day ve as a missionary overseas.

/hat Shall We Do bout Beverage Alcohol?

yllis Whitten, Evansville, Indiana, ys —

"What will you have to drink?" This a phrase becoming more and more miliar to young people everywhere, day it seems that to be popular, well-ed or a person of distinction you must ink a certain brand of liquor. Magaes, newspapers, radio and TV have any colorful advertisements of drink. any young people are learning to ink at home, because of the example der people set for them.

We, as Christian Endeavorers must do mething to stop this ever increasing oblem of liquor. We could have a son on the evils of liquor at least once quarter. We, as individuals should ce a firm stand against alcoholic drinks. ristian Endeavorers can use radio and V time to make the public aware of the il of alcohol. Panel discussions, plays, a prominent political leader who nds for total abstainance, debates and dividual talks are some ways to edute the public. Newspaper articles are other way to educate people.

Local Christian Endeavor societies can ve special meetings for their church. ovies make an excellent program. ere are some very good ones about the rk of the Pacifice Garden Mission ng Skid Row in Chicago.

Christian Endeavorers by the use of ayerful education, teaching and exple will do much toward the eradication of this evil.

Dr. J. Gordon Howard Named For Convention In Columbus

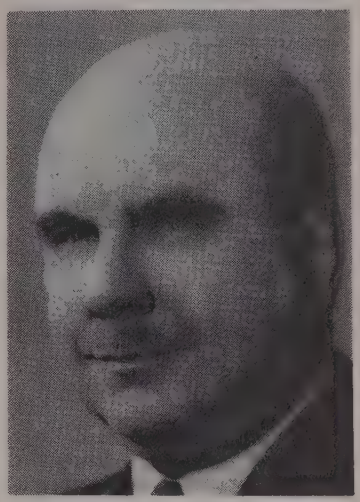
Dr. J. Gordon Howard, president of Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio, will head the general committee to plan for the 43rd International Christian Endeavor Convention to be held in Columbus, Ohio, July 11-16, 1955, according to announcement made this week by Dr. Ernest R. Bryan, President.

More than 4,000 delegates from Protestant churches throughout North America are expected to attend the convention which will be the first of this kind held in Columbus where the headquarters of the Christian Endeavor movement is located at 1221 East Broad Street.

The general committee chairman, who has been the head of Otterbein College since 1945 has been active with youth for a long time. For thirteen years he was national director of young people's work of the United Brethren Church and for a time was editor of church school literature of his denomination. He is the author of the following books: "The Successful Sunday School," "Catechism for Youth," "When Youth Worships," and "Christian Beliefs for Christian Youth."

Dr. Howard was chairman of the Program Committee for the International Christian Endeavor conventions held in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1939 and in Atlantic City, New Jersey, in 1941. He is chairman of the Ohio-West, Virginia Area Council of the Y.M.C.A., chairman of the Interracial Committee of the National Council of Y.M.C.A., and president of the Ohio Council of Churches.

A graduate of Otterbein, Dr. Howard also holds degrees from Bonebrake Theological Seminary and New York



DR. J. GORDON HOWARD

University. He was born in Tokyo, Japan, where his parents were missionaries. He spent the first 12 years of his life there.

Dr. Howard and the committee he is organizing will take care of all of the details in planning for hospitality, meeting places, and other arrangements for the convention.

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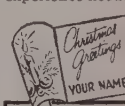

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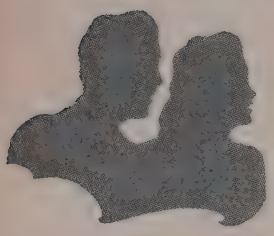
Freedom in Christian Citizenship



Senior-Young People

— JULY 4 —

Third Topic in a Series on "Faith Of The Free"

II Corinthians 3:17; 4:11

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:
Pray for God's blessing and help.
Study the Bible selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purpose of the meeting.

This topic is the concluding one of a series of three on the general theme "Faith of the Free." The last two Sundays of June brought a study of "Freedom in Worship" and "Freedom in Disciplined Living." Today we continue the theme of freedom, thinking particularly of our civic responsibilities. This topic, "Freedom in Christian Citizenship," opens a new vista for this subject. The thought of *freedom* in citizenship is not fully appreciated. More often it is thought of in terms of duty or restraint. In the United States this day is known as Independence Day, and full emphasis should be given to its special meaning. Review its significance and try to analyze its total meaning. This day has special meaning, too, for our Canadian brethren and for all the citizens of the "free world." It marks the founding of a new way of life, a new concept of independence. In a larger sense, it is the anniversary of the beginning of the "American Way of Life," the *North American Way*. In reality, we of this continent represent a kind of independence and interdependence, that the world has never before known. North Americans all, we live and grow in Christian unity. Stress this harmonious relationship and the power it contains in world affairs today. Remind each member that Independence Day represents for all countries of the world the opportunity for emancipation from tyranny, inequality and oppression.

From The Book of Books

M., June 28. The Blessed Nation. Psalm 33:10-22.
T., June 29. God's Law in the Heart. Jer. 31:31-34.
W., June 30. Christian Democracy. Matt. 23:8-12.
T., July 1. Subject to Authority. Titus 3:1,2.
F., July 2. Free, Yet Servants. I Peter 2:13-17.
S., July 3. All Power Is of God. Rom. 13:1-5.
Sun., July 4. Topic—Freedom in Christian Citizenship. II Cor. 3:17; 4:11.

Emphasize the practical aspects of Christian citizenship in the local community. Show how it is evidenced in voting, in civic enterprises, in race relationships, in social attitudes. Trace the Christian influence in these areas of thought and life and try to encourage your members to be good citizens.

Aim of The Topic

1. To appreciate the full and proper meaning of independence.
2. To cause thought on the responsibilities of Christian Citizenship.
3. To help make such citizenship practical and real.

Freedom For All

Freedom is one of the greatest benefits of those twin blessings of mankind, Christianity and democracy. The latter is entirely dependent upon the former, though some would erroneously have us think the reverse. Both offer liberty and equality, conditioned only upon the willingness of the individual to fully accept them. In one of the countries using this topic, today is set apart as Independence Day. The direct reason for this observance would make it appear a purely national holiday, of interest only to the citizens of that country. Upon closer examination, however, we become aware that it marks a milestone of progress for freedom; it represents a new kind of equality for the common man. The whole American Continent of the North shares the same spirit of freedom and of eagerness to share opportunity. South America is slowly coming to this realization. All the nations of the world that are free, or that desire to be, are recipients of the benefits that have come from this break with an automatic authority. Which nation did it, and against whom, is inconsequential. The importance of it lies in the fact that free men everywhere believe in giving other men the right to be free; in giving them the right of ballot, of opportunity, and of unprejudiced justice. Let us no longer think of Independence Day as a national holiday; it rather marks the beginning of a new way of life for the Christian world. This is a day known everywhere because of the creation of a "new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal."

How About Our Daily Activities?

The question that must be faced is whether our regular civic activities reflect the spirit of good citizenship. How about voting?. Are there any citizens of our community who are deprived of this privilege? Do we who are voting citizens accept our opportunity of the ballot, and faithfully use it? When we do vote, do we take our Christian consciences with us? Surely in this last, we must be aware. Every issue and every candidate should be supported only by their ability to stand on the basis of right and fairness. Do we consistently support Protestant candidates when they are personally worthy? Why should we not give special support to a person who h sacrificed profit and convenience and oft popularity to stand forth strongly for t side of the right in some disputed issu Freedom of choice obligates us to make the highest choice.

"—And Zoning, Real Estate, etc."

We must always consider if our prese citizenship activities keep alive the pro ise and hope of equality for all. Does o Christian faith go with us to the polls? D we ask for zoning laws or real estate r strictions which set unjust limitations c those of other races or conditions? Ho easy it is to discriminate against others f our own benefit or convenience.

Do we ask for, or condone, employme restrictions and regulations which d criminate against our brothers of differe color or national origin? How is this ma fest in your area? If you don't know, would be profitable for the society to ma a study of this matter, at least by taking survey of existing conditions.

How about our prejudices in the matt of dining rooms, hotels, public transport tion? Do the folk of our home areas di criminate against any race, color, or n tionality? This will vary in different par of our countries. What can we as Christia young people do to help this situation?

The Christian Standard of Freedo

If democracy and Christian teaching pr vide equal opportunity and privilege f all, can we do less than to support th principle as individuals? We are free i make our own choices. Freedom is n freedom when it chooses which individua or groups shall have its benefits. Althou others may not agree with us, it is t duty of the Christian to stand unwave ingly for the right as he sees it.

Citizenship viewed from the Christia point is different from any other. The Lor Jesus Christ has changed the standard, "Y shall know the truth, and the truth sha make you free." (John 8:32) When w are freed by Him, we are free indeed. Th when we are accepted as equals in th sight of our God, can we do less towar our brethren?

Can we take it for granted that Chri endorses America or Canada or any oth single place or people? Should we n rather think of how we can change ou ideas and improve our practices, howeve good they may be, that we may earn H commendation? Our faith should be s vital, so challenging, so practical, that will help us improve community life, soci attitudes, and national policies where thes are not Christian. What does freedom Christian Citizenship mean to you?

A SEED THOUGHT

"Christian citizenship is substantially the practice of living by the rules of a citizen of Heaven, while still resident upon Earth."

Bible Verses That Help

Second Topic in a Series on "Bible Favorites"

John 3:16; John 14:6, Matthew 22:37-39

Intermediate

— JULY 4 —

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

ir Aim

1. To find out favorite verses of Enavorers.
2. To stimulate interest in the Bible.
3. To help Junior Highs know how to e the Bible.

ake This An Informal Hour

Type on slips of paper well known ble verses. Give to the girls as they ive. The chapter and the number of the se are placed on other slips and handed the boys. The young people are then uested to discover their partners by ding their verse, or where the verse ld be found.

ble Questions Contest

Pencils and paper are distributed and couples answer twenty questions. The swers are in parentheses.

1. Who was the brother of John? *mes*)
2. What was the name of the garden us loved to visit? (*Gethsemane*)
3. Who was Samuel's mother? (*Hanb*)
4. Who was beloved by Samson? (*Deh*)
5. Give the names of the three persons o were put in the fiery furnace. (*Shadh, Meshach,* and *Abednego*)
6. Where was Paul born? (*Tarsus*)
7. How old was Methuselah when he d? (969 *years*)
8. What was the occupation of Matw? (*tax collector*)
9. Who wrote Revelation? (*John, the angelist*)
10. Give the first and last words of the ble. (*"In" and "Amen"*)
11. Who was turned into a pillar of salt? *ot's wife*)
12. Who was the brother of Moses? *aron*)
13. Who was placed in the den of lions? *Daniel*)
14. What king arranged a great feast? *elshazzar*)
15. How many men did Gideon use to it the Midianites? (*300*)
16. Who was the Roman that accused ul? (*Felix*)
17. What city was destroyed by the rd? (*Nineveh*)
18. Who was the damsel that knew er's voice when he knocked at the door the gate? (*Rhoda*)
19. Where is the river Tigris? (*Assyria*)
20. Where did David hold court? (*Hebron*)

From The Book of Books

June 28. A Helpful Proverb. Prov. 22:1.
June 29. A Helpful Invitation. Matt. 11:28-30.
June 30. A Helpful Reminder Phil. 4:6.
July 1. A Helpful Promise. John 14:12.
July 2. Helpful Advice. I John 4:11.
July 3. Helpful Assurance. Rev. 21:4.
July 4. Topic—Bible Verses That Help. John 3:16; John 14:6; Matt. 23:37-39.

Follow with a hunt for these passages from the Bible which through the years have made the Bible interesting for people.

Interesting Stories

Luke 15:11-32 — Luke 12:13-21
Luke 10:25-37 — Matthew 25:14-30

Great Poetry

Isaiah 9:2-7 — Psalm 104:1-5
Isaiah 40:1-11

Great Standards of Living

Isaiah 58:4-9 — Amos 8:4-10
John 15:12-20 — Luke 6:27-36
Psalm 15 — Matthew 5:43-48
Leviticus 19:33, 34 — Matthew 7:1-5

Thoughts That Have Helped Others

Psalm 121:1-8 — John 4:24
Philippians 4:8
When found the first to his feet reads the passage.

Know the Beautiful Passages of the Bible

The best way to come to know and understand the Bible is to make use of it. The following references would be interesting to read and discuss in the meeting: Psalms 1; 19; 90; 93; 121; Judges 5; Isaiah 53:4-7; Job 29; 30:9-31; Amos; I Corinthians 13; Matthew 5; 6; 7; 13:1-9, 18-46; Luke 10:25-37; 15:1-32.

Assign these to several persons and ask them to prepare the passages for presentation in as interesting a way as possible. Each person should find out all he can about the historical background of the passage for which he is responsible. Some of the references ought to be read from different versions for the purpose of comparison, and in order to help the group understand the reading better. Wherever possible have the group discuss the meaning of each passage after it has been read.

The suggested passages have been chosen for the beauty of their thought and language. Ask that the group try to listen to them as though they were hearing them for the first time.

How to Overcome Bible Reading Difficulties

You may find some Junior Highs who say they can't get interested in the Bible. Such questions as the following may be discussed helpfully:

How can we understand the meaning of the book as a whole?

Should we try to read all the Bible, or read it through from beginning to end?

What version will be found most helpful?

What kinds of Bible study can we engage in that will help us in our use of the Bible?

What outside helps can we find?

Why Is The Bible Worth Knowing?

The Bible Is Called "The Richest Heritage of the Race"

You may ask the group why the Bible has been given this description. Be sure that these two reasons are mentioned:

1. One reason is that everyone knows that through the message of the Bible God has given the most complete revelation of Himself. It represents the race's highest approach to an understanding of the heart of God. Any question we have about God, Jesus, and our relations to other men will be answered in some fashion in this book. It may not be answered in terms of today, but if we try to understand the background of biblical times, we can discover certain ways in which people acted, and we ourselves can see by the consequences whether or not those ways were good.

2. A second reason why the Bible is said to be the richest heritage of the race is the fact that it has helped generation after generation in a way that no other book has. All through the ages men and women and youth of all races, civilizations, and conditions have found the Bible the source of inspiration, help, comfort, guidance, and profit. If millions of people living and dead could be present with your group as they are discussing this topic, this would be their testimony.

Hints For The Meeting

This is to be an "informal meeting" as we suggested at the beginning of this topic. It may be well to have several good Bible students of your congregation on hand to share with you what they find most interesting in the Bible. Have a closing worship service as an all-Bible feature. Your Scripture, hymns and benediction may all be from the Bible.

FOR DISCUSSION

1. What characters come to your mind when the Bible is mentioned? Why?

2. Who is your favorite Bible character? Why do you like him or her?

3. Which Bible characters would you like to have appear before you today?

4. What present-day problems would you like to talk about with these favorite Bible characters?

5. In what ways can we get help from the Bible?

6. Which parts of the Bible have you found most interesting? Why do these interest you?

7. Which version of the Bible do you find most interesting?

8. The Bible is often known as the "best seller." Why is this so?

Senior-Young People

— JULY 11 —

Comments by Earle W. Gates

I Will Be Sincere

First Topic in a Series on "Essential Christian Virtues"

Matthew 19:16-29

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:
Pray for God's blessing and help.
Study the Bible selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purpose of the meeting.

A series of two topics is here presented to make possible a continuity of thought on a most important subject. "Essential Christian Virtues" is the over-all theme. It is to be developed by this week's topic, "I Will Be Sincere," and next week's on loyalty. The leader of the meeting has a serious responsibility in presenting the need for sincerity today. By the success or failure of this meeting, standards of life and conduct will be determined for some. Careful preparation will pay great dividends. A search of the Bible for verses to support the teaching of the topic will be of help. Strive to make sincerity appear in its true light of greatness. Give virtue its true praise. Seek to win followers for its leading.

This is the season to hold meetings out of doors if possible. If it has not already been done, the leader of this meeting can bring the matter before the society. A regular series of outdoor or special meetings can be planned for a summer schedule. Many of your people will be glad to grant the use of beaches, lawns, camps, gardens or other attractive sites for meetings. Be careful to avoid distracting crowds or noise. Nearby recreation or entertainment areas can create many problems also. Arrange adequate music leadership, with some instrumental accompaniment if possible. A good song service helps such meetings tremendously, whether around a campfire, at a beach, or in a "Green Chapel." It is not too late to set up an attractive summer program of unusual meetings. Perhaps special speakers can be secured, as well as special music. Let the Endeavorers use their ingenuity to plan a program that is "different," always with the aim of bringing youth closer to Christ. A sunset or sunrise service, a Christian campfire meeting, or a "Blue Canopy Meeting" under the stars may be our Master's way to speak especially to some of your friends. Lead the way in making the rest of the summer count for Christ.

A SEED THOUGHT

"I would be true for there are those who trust me."

Aim of The Topic

1. To consider the true meaning of sincerity as a Christian virtue.
2. To help young people become more sincere in their discipleship.

"No Fraud Here"

Sincerity is an essential Christian virtue, especially among Christian young people. It is the mark of the genuine, the true. The meaning of the word "sincere" is most fascinating. It will help us understand the spirit of sincerity if we understand it. The origin of the word "sincere" suggests that an object or a person is "solid," or to be trusted. It means in a broader sense "without flaw." The root "sine cere" means literally "without wax." This goes back to the days of the Romans and the Greeks. At that time as now, carved stone and art works were highly priced. If a piece became chipped or cracked or otherwise damaged, the dishonest dealer would often fill the defects with wax to conceal the damage from the buyer. It was of course an act of overt dishonesty, but it brought a better price for the goods since they were then assumed to be perfect articles. The more reputable dealers would imprint or tag their art pieces "sine cere," meaning that they were "without wax," or genuine. The buyer was thus assured that this was the "real thing," when these words were used. So today it is the "real thing"' that is desired in a person. It is the "real thing" about which we are concerned in Christian character. Christians are sons of God—and this should ever be clearly revealed by their lives.

Sincerity With God

Our basic sincerity is with our Heavenly Father who understands and loves us. If we are not true to Him in our discipleship we are utterly devoid of any religion at all. He who knows our every thought will not hold us guiltless. Jesus' teaching always called for a whole-hearted and sincere devotion to God. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment," He said. (Matthew 22:37, 38) God wants all of us, all of our being, and all of our sincerity.

Sincerity With Others

The most conspicuous place to display our sincerity, or our lack of it, is with our daily associates. How easy it is to appear what we are not. In some ways it is worse to appear *not to be* what we basically are. To be Christian is to show forth each day the spirit of the Christ whose Name we carry. Our character must be rooted in Him at all costs. Anything less is failure. Our relationships with others must be "without wax," without fraud or deceit to cover up our real selves. Let our hearts be stayed on Christ, our lives be dedicated to Him, and our faith be without reservation in His keeping power. Then, realizing we are totally His, we can "be ourselves," o Christian selves.

Bible Passages

M., July 5. Serve God Sincerely. Joshua 24:14.
T., July 6. Sincerity and Truth. I Cor. 5:6
W., July 7. Godly Sincerity. II Cor. 1:8-
T., July 8. Sincere Speech. II Cor. 2:14-
F., July 9. A Prayer for Sincerity. Phil. 1:9-
S., July 10. Sincere Love. I John 3:17-
Sun., July 11. Topic—I Will Be Sincere. Matt. 19:16-

The rich young ruler of the Scriptu lesson apparently was not as sincere in h desire to follow Christ as he might ha been. The first test completely overwhelm him, and "he turned away sorrowing." is good for every Christian to examine h motives and the depth of his sincerity. fail our Savious is always to turn aw sorrowing. It is a sorrow from which never recover until repentance and si cerity bring us back into faithfulness.

A Prayer for Sincerity

The Apostle Paul gives a helpful pray for sincerity in Philippians 1:9-11. Read and let it be one of our prayers for gen ineness. He prays in part, "That ye m approve things that are excellent; that may be sincere and without offense till t day of Christ." The song writer Horati Bonar has said,

"Sow truth, if thou the truth would reap:
Who sows the false shall reap th vain—."

In earnest dedication the Christian you replies,

"I would be true, for there are tho who trust me;
I would be pure, for there are tho who care;
I would be strong, for there is muc to suffer;
I would be brave, for there is muc to dare."

And this is possible, "Trusting in th Lord Jesus Christ for strength!"

FOR DISCUSSION

1. What does the word sincere mean?
2. What does that meaning represent to us today?
3. Give examples of sincerity in daily living.
4. Give examples of insincerity in the Christian life.
5. What is the penalty from God for our insincerity? From our friends and associates?
6. Does sincerity pay? How?
7. What does it cost for a young Christian to say "I will be sincere," and stand by it?
8. Is any virtue worthwhile today?
9. Why do we admire a person who is sincere and genuine?
10. How did Christ show Himself sincere?

The Music of the Spheres

First Topic in a Series on "Lift Every Voice"

Psalm 19:1, 2; Psalm 104

Intermediate

— JULY 11 —

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

ir Aim

1. To see that every divine creation s some tone to add to God's Harmony.
2. To stress alertness to the over- ies of nature.
3. To appreciate hymns on nature der the general unit theme: "Lift ery Voice."

mplete Harmony In God's iiverse

There is complete harmony in the na- al universe. It is an interesting study to how one thing fits into another in na- e. All things seem to dovetail together. much thought is expressed in the ndeur of the mountains as there is in fertile plains. The wilderness and the itary places tell of God's might as do the stal seas and the mighty oceans.

God thinks of the blade of grass, the lily the field, the fowls of the air, and the of the sea. He thinks of mankind, too, ardless of his color, his nationality, or native land. As He thinks of us, we in n should think of him.

GOD IN NATURE
by H. H. Vogel

n the farthest star of Heaven,
In the nearest flower of earth,
n the trees and hills and valleys,
God has spoken of true worth.

f we then would come to know him,
Through these wonders so sublime,
Ve should study his revealing,
In his handiwork divine.

Courtesy "Builders"

e Heavens Declare

How easy it is for us to take the stars l the moon and the sun for granted! w seldom do we pause to thank God that which he gave to us on the fourth when he said, "Let there be lights in firmament of the heaven to divide the from the night." Yet even though we y have taken the sun and the moon and stars for granted, the poet and the wman, the astronomer and the artisan, civilized and the savage are all agreed t there is no voice that can speak so ngly and so universally as does that of heavens above.

But what do they say? The Psalmist says, ne heavens declare the glory of God." he created universe, with all its wonders, mystery and power, its beauty and law, Psalmist saw God, who was even more nderful than all his works. Thus men e moved to worship and to praise him. We too must learn to observe God at rk in the world about us. Thus we are ped to express our appreciation for the nders of nature.

e Music of Creation

n Job 38:7 we read "The morning stars g together." Music is fundamental to the universe in which we live. Just as there are octaves of sound upon which we have constructed all our human music, so there is an octave of color making up the ray of white light, and in all probability there are also octaves of higher rays, of which only some have as yet been discovered. "Let me go where'er I will, I hear a sky-born music still." Because there is harmony, and order, and proportion in the universe which God has given us, there is music!

Christians Must Sing

Is it not true that Christianity has always been a singing religion? It brings a joy into life that sorrow and trouble cannot quench. The early Christians were always singing. Great Christians through the ages have sung their faith. The hymns that have come from their hearts have kindled joy and hope and faith in the hearts of others.

Paul wrote to his friends in Ephesus: "Be filled with the Spirit; speaking one to another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing, and making melody with your heart to the Lord; giving thanks always for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Ephesians 5:18-20, A.S.V.)

With the Psalmist let us sing today:

"Oh come, let us sing unto the Lord;
Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving;
Let us make a joyful noise unto him with Psalms.
For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods."
(Psalm 95:1-3, A.S.V.)

Worship Service

The Challenge of God in Nature

Call to Worship: "For the Beauty of the Earth" (read hymn)

Unison: The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmaments sheweth his handiwork.

Leader: Prayer Poem.

Song: "Take Time to Be Holy." (Most effective when sung unannounced as solo, duet, or quartet.)

Unison: Lord's Prayer.

Group Song: "This Is My Father's World."

Leader: For the days that come from Thee,

Response: Chorus of "For the Beauty of the Earth."

Leader: Oh, Life, many are thy gifts to me—Wonders of the out-of-doors, magic of color and harmony, pulse of music; many are thy gifts, Life, to me.

Unison: I believe in the great out-of-doors —in the inspiration of the stars. I believe in the strength of the hills, in the silence of the night, and in the music of the birds and trees.

Leader: God of the great out-of-doors, with Thy whispering winds, drive away my selfishness and hypocrisy. Fill me with the breadth and height of the out-of-doors. Grant that I may take back the Gift of Love and Friendship for all.

Unison: God of the lake, grant me thy peace and restfulness. Peace to bring to the world of hurry and confusion. Restfulness to carry to the weary that I meet every day. Content to do the small things with freedom from littleness.

Leader:
Lord of the hills, grant me Thy strength
To go back to the city without faltering
Strength to help my neighbor who has no hills to remember.

Unison: "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow."

Hymn: "God Who Touchest Earth With Beauty."

Directed Meditation: (led by the leader)

"Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable." (Psalm 145:3.) Let us rejoice in and give thanks for the greatness of the Lord our God. (*Pause*) "The Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad thereof." (Psalm 97:1.)

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.

Let us be glad that it is our confident assurance that the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. (*Pause*)

"The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth." (Psalm 145:18.) Let us thank our God that his true greatness is revealed in his nearness. (*Pause*)

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Daily Readings

M., July 5. The Stars' Song of Exaltation. Job 38:4-7.
T., July 6. The River of God's Pleasure. Psalm 36:7-10.
W., July 7. Deep Calling Unto Deep. Psalm 42:5-8.
T., July 8. God's Wonders Lead to Praise. Psalm 136:1-9.
F., July 9. Glories of Nature. Song of Solomon 2:11-13.
S., July 10. Happy Nature. Isaiah 55:12,13.
Sun., July 11. Topic—The Music of the Spheres. Psalm 19:1, 2; Psalm 104.

Senior-Young People

— JULY 18 —

I Will Be Loyal

Second Topic in a Series on "Essential Christian Virtues"

Matthew 26:31-45

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:

Pray for God's blessing and help.

Study the Bible selections given.

Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.

Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

This series of two topics gives consideration to two of the leading Christian characteristics. They are rightly named "Essential Christian Virtues." Last week's emphasis was upon sincerity, today's is "I Will Be Loyal." Try to tie these two together in planning the meeting, for they have much in common. Seek appropriate Bible verses to strengthen your presentation. Prepare a brief leader's talk to pave the way for good discussion. Since this is the season for outdoor meetings, it might be possible to have a guest speaker. Take a bit of time in the meeting to check on whether adequate plans have been made for a special summer program. A well-planned series of devotional meetings, preferably outdoors, and a schedule of recreational events for the society and guests will do much to prevent a "summer slump." If it's not already done, you can be the one to "spark" such a program into activity. It will leave your society or fellowship much stronger at the summer's end and will eliminate the rounding-up again of scattered members. Some are frequently lost entirely over the summer because of making other plans and patterns of behavior. It may be, too, that your Vacation Bible School is in progress. If so, try to gear into their program, to be of help. If this has closed or has not yet been held, try to get some of the pupils or faculty to come into the Christian Endeavor society. Frequently this kind of school draws into the church program many who have not been participants before.

During this meeting try to bring loyalty into clear focus, helping it rightly appear as one of the most desirable Christian virtues. Stress the Four Cardinal Principles of Christian Endeavor, of which loyalty is the third. As a reminder, they are (1) Confession of Christ as Saviour, (2) Service for Christ, (3) Loyalty to Christ's Church, (4) Fellowship with Christ's people. Bring new pressure to bear upon all these essentials. So for the rest of the summer program, have fun, keep Christ in your activities, and win other young people for Him by a better-than-ever program!

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Give a definition of loyalty.

2. What are the benefits gained by being loyal?

3. What is gained by being disloyal?

4. Which is more worthwhile?

5. How do we show our loyalty to God?

6. Does loyalty always mean agreeing with a friend or defending him?

7. How can we be loyal to our own best?

8. How does this cause us to be loyal to others?

9. What part do you like best about the youth hymn "I Would Be True"?

10. What is the cost of loyalty?

Aim of The Topic

1. To learn the deeper meaning of loyalty as a Christian virtue.

2. To help young people be loyal to the best in life.

"No Subversives Here"

So much is heard today about disloyalty, subversives, traitors that it sometimes seems as though that were the order of the day. Indeed, wrong sometimes seems so successful and so popular that the less intelligent may ask, "Why be good, or why be loyal?" The answer to this that is always the answer to evil is the Christian life. God's Kingdom is built upon righteousness, upon unswerving faithfulness to ideals. "My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' Blood and righteousness," so we sing, and so we believe. Thus it is in the matter of loyalty. It is indeed one of the essential Christian virtues. For the Christian there is no such thing as disloyalty. To be less than loyal to God or man is to be disloyal to one's own self. Truly there should be no subversives, no traitors in the Kingdom of our God and His Christ.

Loyalty To God

The basic loyalty, the one that confirms our very souls, is loyalty to our God. He it is Who has created us and loves us and provides for us. What folly it would be to fail Him! We are the sheep of His pasture, the children of His love. Daily we depend upon Him and live by His bounty. It would be more than "biting the hand that feeds us," as the saying goes; it would be cutting off the very tap-root of our existence. An Episcopal prayer expresses our feelings in this regard, "O my God, I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee, and I grieve that so often I have wounded Thee by my sins."

Loyalty to Christ and the Church has always been a cardinal emphasis of Christian Endeavor. "Loyalty to Christ's Church" is the third cardinal principle of the movement itself. Sometimes our loyalties seem to conflict with other demands for time, talent, and resources, made upon each of us from many sources. The only way to solve such claims is to make our loya to Christ our supreme loyalty; then other loyalties will take their proper pla The great Apostle Peter always wanted be loyal, and intended to be, but the we ness of the flesh got the better of him, a so he yielded to temptation. Let us pray a endeavor to be true to what God expe of us.

A SEED THOUGHT

"Lord, make us resolute to do
What Thou showest to be true;
Make us hate and shun the ill,
Loyal to Thy holy will."

Loyalty To Others

Loyalty to one's self and to our high ideals automatically brings loyalty to associates. The outstanding manifestati of loyalty is always toward others, but begins within ourselves. This is basic in t development of Christian character a Christian virtue. To be loyal, one m constantly re-affirm his loyalty by repeat action. In this way behavior patterns loyalty, habits of loyalty, are establish It thus becomes the normal, habitual pr tice.

It is important to be loyal in our spe ing, and doubtless we all "talk" a g game of loyalty. However, it is vastly m important to be loyal in our living. W we are speaks so loudly that others of cannot hear what we say. We must aware, lest some disloyalty in our li weaken or belie our Christian testimo The virtue of loyalty is one of the s evidences of Christian maturity. It is sign of a growing Christian. Loyalty family, to friends, to employer or empl es, to school, to every worthy endeav these call and challenge us.

A Prayer For Loyalty

Daily prayer should be our practice, it is our privilege. A prayer for loya should be a part of this. We should pr for a deepened sense of loyalty to c Lord and Saviour and to the highest ide He has implanted within us. If we m this challenge, all else will take its pro place. Let our prayer of dedication be will be loyal to Thee, O Lord, whate the cost."

Daily Bible Readings

M., July 12. Loyal Friends. I Sam. 18:1
T., July 13. Loyal to Christ. Acts 5:25-
W., July 14. Loyal to The Church. Heb. 10:2
T., July 15. Loyal to God's Commands. Deut. 6:1
F., July 16. Loyal Service. Col. 3:1
S., July 17. To Each His Due. Matt. 22:1
Sun., July 18. Topic—I Will Be Loyal. Matt. 26:31-

The Strength of Your Youth

Second Topic in a Series on "Lift Every Voice"

Isaiah 40:28-31; Luke 2:52; 10:25-27

Intermediate

— JULY 18 —

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

ır Aim

. To see one's body as a gift of God.
. To avoid those things that hinder ›wth.
. To learn how to develop one's ly as "the temple of God."

ır Topic

This topic is rooted in the well-known nn, "Give of Your Best to the Master." e the hymn as the basis for your study. ke an analysis of it verse by verse that nay always have meaning to youth when d in the future.

Start Discussion

You are really a marvelous creature. om the top of your head to the soles of ır feet, you have been fearfully and nderfully wrought.

The very hairs of your head are num-ed, and the Federal Bureau of Investi-ion is able to prove it. Carefully magni-l sections of hair bear the unmistakeable rk of your individuality, so that by one gle hair you can be identified. Criminals w are literally caught by the hair of ir heads. Whether you are blond, ınette or redhead, your hair is a mark of ır individuality, made for you and you ne.

"Have a heart," you sometimes say. Do ı realize what you are asking? Nestled ely within your ribs is a faithful little mp that keeps your blood in motion nths before you are born until the ment you die. In a normal life span it l beat 800,000,000 times.

During the course of a full life this le one-pound muscle of yours will pump ›ugh blood to fill an unbroken string railroad tank cars long enough to reach m New York to Boston. Yet how often s marvelous little pump that is standard ıipment for every human is not only en for granted but abused.

rength for the Body

The body needs daily strength. There many tests, strains, and shocks that ne to the body, and were it not for a ›ply of daily strength it would refuse to ıction early in life. The Lord does heal body and give strength to the muscles. Christians we may get our physical ength from God. Samson is a striking mple of one who received his physical ength from God.

here Does Our Strength Come om?

n our opening Scripture for today the ›phet Isaiah reproves the people of God, who are now supposed to be captives in Babylon, for their unbelief and distrust in God, and the dejections and despondencies of their spirit under their affliction. They who wait upon God shall have their strength renewed; they shall soar upward toward God, and run and not grow weary. Strength comes from God and is supplied in rich abundance to all who wait upon him.

David summed it up when he said, "The Lord is the strength of my life." (Psalm 27:1). God is not only the Protector of the exposed life, who keeps one from being slain, but he is the strength of a frail, weak, discouraged life, who keeps one from fainting, sinking, and dying away. God is the believer's Light, is the strength of his life; not only by whom, but in whom he lives and moves. He gives strength for all times of need. In God therefore let us strengthen ourselves.

What Are the Avenues of Strength?

1. *Strength Through Prayer.* God releases his strength through prayer. The real man of strength is a man of real prayer. God will always impart his strength through this avenue.

2. *Strength Through the Word.* Another avenue through which God often releases his strength is found in a study of the Holy Book. The Bible is called the Word of Life, and it gives nourishment to mind and soul.

3. *Strength Through Worship.* The Church is a spiritual dynamo in which the soul may be recharged with divine strength. We should worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness, for real strength is derived from such worship.

4. *Strength Through Service.* Exercise leads to strength. The program of service in the Christian life leads to spiritual exercise and in this exercise we gain strength. Great strength is released in this way.

Make Your Body Serve You

Our bodies are veritable treasure houses. Each human has a rich and highly individual endowment. Yet too often we toy with treasures and abuse what is beyond our capacity to understand, create or replace. What tragedy is found in the mind that is drugged or the body that is abused.

Surely you *are* a marvelous creature. you are richly endowed even if you have somewhat less than you might desire. Ultimately your life is determined by the use you make of the equipment that is yours.

The strength of your youth needs to be conserved through:

1. *A Life of Communion.* John 8:16, 19, 26. The isolated Christian is an impossibility even in solitary confinement. He has always the companionship of another personality —God.

2. *An Unselfish Life.* Philippians 2:1-5. Unselfishness means that the objects of all our exertions are changed from self to others.

3. *A Life of Service.* I Samuel 12:1-5. The worthwhile life manifests a generous spirit of service that is willing to sacrifice.

4. *A Life of High Purposes.* Nehemiah 4:1-6. No character was ever counted great without loyalty to a high dominating purpose, without standing for something more than mere self.

5. *A Pure Life.* Jude 20-25. God has undertaken to restore the soul to purity. Though browned by sin, stained by a corrupt life, he can give it the whiteness of snow.

6. *An Earnest Life.* 2 Corinthians 11:18-33. Half-heartedness is the index of failure: earnestness is a fundamental requirement of success. Its secret lies ever within the heart of man.

An Illustration

When Nelson was asked by his friend, Hardy, to put on a cloak to hide his stars which made him a mark for the French sharp-shooters, he replied, "No; in honor I got them, in honor I will die with them, if need be." Stand true to the things worthwhile.

(*Please turn to Page 30, Col. 2*)

FOR DISCUSSION TIME

1. If one should definitely undertake to realize all the noblest traits of a worth-while life, what effect would it have upon his career?

2. Why is a purposeless life a failure?

3. "What lack I yet?"

4. What is your ideal of a worthwhile life?

5. When is a man justified in risking his life for his cause?

6. How can we find Christ's aid to make life worth while?

7. What are you giving your mind to achieve?

8. What builds bodily strength? Spiritual strength?

9. How may we develop our strength in spiritual things?

10. How may we use our strength for God?

11. Is it a sin to waste our physical strength?

12. Will God hold us responsible for neglected opportunities for mental training?

13. How may we sin against the soul?

14. What responsibilities for God's work have the strong? Are the weak excused?

Bible Meditations

July 12. Remember Thy Creator. Eccl. 12:1.
July 13. Grow in Grace II Peter 3:17,18.
July 14. Grow in Christlikeness. Eph. 4:11-16.
July 15. The Body a Spiritual Temple. I Cor. 6:19,20.
July 16. Wise Building. I Cor. 3:10-17.
July 17. Wise Use of Time. Eph. 5:14-17.
., July 18. Topic—The Strength of Your outh. Luke 2:52; 10:25-27; Isa. 40:28-31.

Senior-Young People

— JULY 25 —

Why Pray Anyway?

First Topic in a Series on "Getting Results From Praying"

Psalm 34:1-8; Matthew 7:7-11; James 1:5-7

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:
Pray for God's blessing and help.
Study the Bible selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

Another series begins today for those who are using weekly topics during the summer. Many are holding special services, outdoor meetings, inviting guest speakers, etc., but the topics are always of value as a guide and outline. This series is one of great personal benefit, "Getting Results From Prayer." Today our topic asks us the leading question "Why Pray Anyway?" Next week we take a different approach with the subject "Prayers That Grow Their Answers." There should be considerable material available on prayer that the leader can use. There is also much small literature on it that may be secured to pass out to your members. The International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio has a fine leaflet available. This is *What Is The Quiet Hour?* These weeks would be a good time also to promote the signing of the "Comrades of the Quiet Hour" pledge. This is also available as above. Make this a period of emphasis on prayer to our Heavenly Father. Perhaps some special "prayer project" could be launched by the society or by some of the more interested members. In this, some particular project or person could be prayed for at stated periods by the entire group. Try to set up some kind of a "prayer cell" like this.

Aim of The Topic

1. To re-think the matter of prayer.
2. To strive to learn the why and how of prayer.

What Is Prayer?

One good definition of prayer is that it is "an offering up of our desires to God, together with thanksgiving for His present mercies, for things that are according to His will, in the name of Christ." It represents the opportunity of deep communion with our Lord. We literally "walk and talk with the King" in prayer. In the words of the hymn, "We kneel so weak; we rise so full of power." Or again:

"Prayer is the soul's sincere desire,
Unuttered or expressed,
The motion of a hidden fire
That trembles in the breast.

Prayer is the Christian's vital breath,
The Christian's native air,
His watchword at the gates of death;
He enters Heaven with prayer."

A Promise To Those Who Pray

John 14: 13-15 gives a wondrous promise to the children of God. "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it. If ye love me, keep my commandments." What a challenge this is to faith. We who believe the Word of God know that He has spoken these words to us and that He means every one of them. Hear again His promise, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." (Matthew 7: 7) This is the new promise and privilege of prayer.

How To Pray

The place where we pray is unimportant. It does not matter too much our posture or our language. Even what we ask is not the basic thing, if it be according to God's will. The most important thing about our petition to God is our attitude, our frame of mind. This includes our attitude toward God, toward prayer itself, and toward the particular need or person being prayed about. This projects us into the area of faith. What we believe, and how much we believe it, is vital. We cannot be as the woman who asked the Lord to move a great hill overnight. Raising her curtain the next morning, and seeing it still there, she said, "Humph, just as I thought." She had not faith, she had only desire. We must earnestly believe God is *able* to do what we ask. We must be sure that He will *do* it. Then we must in our appreciation, use the blessing secured and our total selves, to His glory.

The Apostle John was an expert in the matter of prayer, a devoted follower of the Lord Jesus. Out of his great knowledge of prayer he wrote to us for God, *"If ye abide in me,* and my words in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." (John 15: 7) This then is the condition, we must be in close fellowship with Him. We pray aright by living in union with Christ the Saviour, by utter and complete trust in His keeping power, and by expectantly sharing our needs and our frailties with Him. This must of necessity be followed by striving to do His will.

Our beloved William Hiram Foulkes, long of Christian Endeavor leadership, penned these words for our blessing:

TAKE THOU OUR MINDS, DEAR LOR

Take Thou our minds, dear Lord, we humbly pray;
Give us the mind of Christ each passing day;
Teach us to know the truth that sets us free;
Grant us in all our thoughts to honor Thee.

Take Thou our hearts, O Christ, they are Thine own;
Come Thou within our souls and claim Thy Throne;
Help us to shed abroad Thy deathless love;
Use us to make the earth like heaven above.

Take Thou our wills, Most High! Hold Thou full sway;
Have in our in-most souls Thy perfect way;
Guard Thou each sacred hour from selfish ease;
Guide Thou our ordered lives as Thou dost please.

Take Thou ourselves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will;
Through our surrendered souls Thy plans fulfill.
We yield ourselves to Thee—time, talents, all;
We hear, and henceforth heed, Thy sov'reign call.

(*Please turn to Page 31, Col. 1*)

A SEED THOUGHT

"When we pray for a blessing we must stand where it can fall upon us."

DISCUSS PRAYER PROBLEMS

1. What is prayer? Give your own definition.
2. How important is our physical posture or location for prayer? Why?
3. What has God promised about prayer?
4. What do you believe Dr. Foulkes's poem to mean concerning our personal Christian lives?
5. Why should we pray?
6. How often should we pray?
7. What have you found to help you in prayer?
8. What should you get out of public prayer aloud?
9. Is God limited in His ability to answer prayer?
10. What prayer project can our society have?

For Your Quiet Hour

M., July 19. A Promise to Those Who Pary. John 16:23-28.
T., July 20. Paul Tells Us to Pray. I Thess. 5:16-23.
W., July 21. God Hears Prayer. Psalm 65:1,2.
T., July 22. A Prayer for Others. Gen. 18:23-32.
F., July 23. A Prayer for Physical Needs. Ex. 15:23-27.
S., July 24. A Prayer for Wisdom. I Kings 3:5-10.
Sun., July 25. Topic—Why Pray Anyway? Ps. 34:1-8; Matt. 7:7-11; James 1:5-7.

Take Thou Our Minds

Third Topic in a Series on "Lift Every Voice"

II Timothy 2:15, 16; 3:14-17; I Timothy 6:3, 4

Intermediate

— JULY 25 —

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

r Aim

To see the mind as God's great gift nan.

. To learn how to use the mind ctively.

. To fill our waking minutes with in thoughts and high motives.

w We Got This Topic

lizabeth Barrett Browning at fifteen a lovely, healthy, active girl, looking ward to a normal life; but suddenly a id disease took hold upon her body ever afterwards she was a physical in-d. Did she give up in despair? Not at She used the mind that the Creator had n her, and today, wherever English s are read and spoken, the literary crea-s of the mind of Elizabeth Barrett wning bring joy and inspiration to titudes of people. She became world-ous and rendered a lasting service, be-e in her youth she said, "Take thou mind, O God, and use it for thy glory." he lovely new youth hymn, "Take Thou Minds," is based on this. Look it up newer hymnals.

Is Amazing Machine

lave you seen one of the new gadgets science—the thinking machine? It is a e box-like instrument and can do y wonderful problems of mathematics logic. But right up in our heads is a e machine the size of two fists. It can all that the thinking machines do—and e. It can feel, love, understand.

we start thinking about the amazing ers of your brain, we find words in-quate. It is an instrument with ability associate a vast quantity of experience information into an intelligent pat-. The gift of memory in itself is awe-iring. You have had the experience of ting someone you had not seen or even ight of for a long time, and instantly name and an assortment of information ut him floods back into your conscious-.

ou can use your brain as a reasoning rument to solve problems. You can it to make value judgments. In its vast ehouse is preserved either consciously nconsciously all that has ever happened ou. It shapes the quality of your per-ality. Most amazing of all, it is the rument of self-consciousness and spirit-insight.

DISCUSSION STARTERS

1. Why is the mind called God's eatest gift to man?
2. How can we sin against the ind?
3. How can you make your mind treasure chest?
4. What does it mean to dedicate e's mind to Christ?

The Power of the Mind

My mind to me a kingdom is,
Such present joys therein I find,
That it excels all other bliss
That earth affords or grows by kind;
. . . . . .
Lo thus I triumph like a king,
Content with that my mind doth bring.
Sir Edward Dyer.

The writer of these lines is saying that there is power in thought, the power to create, the power to achieve, the power to enjoy. The power of mind is certainly back of radio, radar, electricity, and all the other forces which have been harnessed for man's use. Back of all achievement in science, art, government, and religion is the power of the human mind.

At the heart of life's enjoyment is the power of the mind. In the mind one may go far beyond the limits of physical boundaries. One may travel abroad, one may visit with people far away, and one may commune with nature and God in contemplation and worship. The mind gives the power for the enjoyment of the highest and best in life. Truly the mind is a kingdom to each of us!

The power of mind also brings to pass the events desired in life: God speaking through Isaiah (14:24) says, "Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass." The universe has come about through the thought of the Creator.

What Kind of a Mind Do You Have?

Someone has classified minds with Bible references thus:

"An Idle Mind Is the Devil's Workshop" —Ancient Proverb.
"A Willing Mind"—2 Corinthians 8:12.
"A Serving Mind"—Romans 7:25.
"A Sound Mind"—2 Timothy 1:7.
"A Doubtful Mind"—Luke 12:29.
"A Corrupt Mind"—2 Timothy 3:8.
"A Reverent Mind"—Ephesians 4:23.
"A Pure Mind"—2 Peter 3:1.
"A Christly Mind"—1 Corinthians 2:16.

Read the Scripture references as a group. Have each person check the type of mind which he or she possesses and write out how he or she thinks God could use this type as we say, "Take thou our minds."

Who Gives Us Strength for Mind and Will?

The Lord imparts strength to the mind. Because of the many tension points on the mind it too would cease to function were it not for its daily supply of strength. The Lord gives strength to the mind and with this strength man is able to think thoughts after God. Solomon is an illustration of one to whom the Lord imparted great mental strength.

He was a Good Steward of the Intellect

Robert Louis Stevenson was afflicted with "TB" the greater part of his life. The year before his death he wrote: "For fourteen years I have not had a day's real health." Had he given up under his physical handicap, *Treasure Island* would never have been written and many boys would have missed the thrill of reading one of the world's great stories. His body was weak and sickly, but his mind was active and because he said, "Take thou my mind," the literary world is richer, and humanity is better because Robert Louis Stevenson lived.

If these who were weak in body used their minds so well, should not we who are strong in both body and mind seek to use our powers to the greatest advantage in life? "Take thou our minds" is something important to say to God.

Program Outline

Quiet Music: "Take My Life and Let It Be."

Call to Worship: Psalm 100.

Planned Prayer.

Hymn: "I Sing the Almighty Power of God."

Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:5-11; 1 Corinthians 3:16-17.

(Announce theme for the evening before reading the Scripture.)

A Moment of Meditation: Think your highest thought. In bowed silence here we think of the gift of mind, its power and joy, and how much greater it may become as it grows like the mind of our Lord. Have soloists sing while minds are calm and heads bowed, or have the group sing: "Take Thou Our Minds."

The Offertory: Piano or vocal music.

The presentation of the theme by topics and discussion.

The Closing Consecration.

Christian Endeavor believes in periodic Consecration Services. Make this a time of soul searching and renewal of vows to God.

(*Please turn to Page 30, Col. 1*)

Scripture References

M., July 19. The Great Commandment. Matt. 22:36-40.
T., July 20. Danger of Evil Hearts. Matt. 15:17-20.
W., July 21. Need for Pure Minds. Titus 1:10-16.
T., July 22. The Heart's Treasure. Luke 6:43-45.
F., July 23. A Believing Heart. Rom. 10:8-11.
S., July 24. The Mind of Christ. Phil. 2:3-8.
Sun., July 25. Topic—Take Thou Our Minds. II Tim. 2:15,16; II Tim. 3:14-17; I Tim. 6:3,4.

Prayers That Grow Their Answers

Second Topic in a Series on "Getting Results From Praying"

Psalm 90:12-17; Luke 11:11-13

Senior-Young People

— AUGUST 1 —

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:
Pray for God's blessing and help.
Study the Bible selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

Today marks the conclusion of a most valuable unit of two topics, entitled "Getting Results From Prayer." Last week we encountered the question "Why Pray Anyway?" Today we go a bit further in answering the question. Our topic "Prayers That Grow Their Answers" is one of practical value. If the society or the leader of last week's meeting secured the literature on prayer, or the "Comrades of the Quiet Hour" pledge cards, this effort can be completed. Read the last topic for background. The "What Is the Quiet Hour?" leaflet is especially helpful. Review again the possibility of the society's beginning a prayer project, one which will unite several or all of the members in a new adventure of prayer. Some particular person or cause could be continually lifted to the throne of grace. A victory in this way would do more to strengthen your members' belief in prayer than many, many sermons. Continue to give emphasis to the establishing of a prayer cell, or a group of them. Such an adventure, successfully pursued, could lift the life of the Christian Endeavor society and indeed of the entire church. This would be one way that a prayer could grow its own answer.

Aim of The Topic

1. To think further on the matter of prayer.

2. To learn the true spirit of prayer and of helping it.

What Is An Answered Prayer?

We have already established in the preceding topic that prayer represents a close fellowship with Christ, an unquestioning trust in His loving care, and a positive faith in sharing our needs. We have the promise of our Father that He hears and answers prayer.

The place many fail in their prayer life is in knowing what constitutes an answered prayer. First we must remember that God *always* answers prayer. Sometimes the answer is "Yes," sometimes it is "No." And sometimes it must necessarily be "Not yet." Hence God may not immediately grant us what we have asked, but He will surely begin a process that will accomplish this or a *greater* good for us. Prayer is always answered, whether or not we agree with that answer.

A Help To Those Who Pray

One of the wonderful results of prayer is that it leads us to help answer our own prayer. It helps us to want a thing so much that we will work ourselves to get it. Assuredly a person can't pray one way and do the opposite in his own personal life, unless he is dangerously inconsistent. As children of our Heavenly Father and as believers in His ability to answer prayer we have a definite pattern of life to follow. His promise is wonderful to behold. The Apostle to the Gentiles brings it as a prayer for us. "For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of Whom the whole family in Heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man—that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God. Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us—." (Ephesians 3) *He is able to do more than we ask or think!* What a lift this is for us in our prayer hopes.

With such a promise always before us, we can follow His pattern for the prayer life with confidence. He asks that we conform to His will and His way, first of all. In doing this, we at once begin to effect an answer to our deepest and most important prayers. This is the basis of our very Christian lives. Another of the beneficial points of prayer is that it helps us want what God wants. "Let the mind of Christ be in you." If our spiritual guidance causes us to want what God wants, we shall be sure of wanting what is best for us. This makes it possible for God to answer our prayer as we ask it, for He will only give us what is best for us. It unites our minds and God's mind. His thoughts and ours begin more and more to coincide. In thus attuning ourselves to Almighty God we become stronger, we become more loving, more thoughtful, indeed more Christ-like. This is another profound prayer answered, for this is the supreme desire of the Christian. Thus we go far also in answering our personal and social problems. Truly one becomes a "worker together with God" even in the matter of fulfillment of prayer needs.

Scripture Readings

M., July 26. A Prayer of Christ. John 17:1-26.
T., July 27. Whole-Hearted Prayer. Jer. 29:11-14.
W., July 28. Conditions Accompanying Prayer. II Chron. 7:12-14.
T., July 29. Praying in God's Will. Luke 22:39-46.
F., July 30. Praying Together. Matt. 18:19,20.
S., July 31. Prayer Changes Things. Acts 4:24-31.
Sun., Aug. 1. Topic—Prayers That Grow Their Answers. Psalm 90:12-17, Luke 11:11-13.

A SEED THOUGHT

"O thou by whom we come to God,
The Life, the Truth, the Way,
The path of prayer Thyself hath trod;
Lord, teach us how to pray."

How To Grow Your Answers

Let us assure ourselves again, *God is* ... to answer our every prayer; He is will... to meet our greatest needs. *But* to us ... also gives the privilege of helping. We ... begin now, if never before, the thrill... experience of helping to "grow" our ... swers. It has been said that prayer is ... self-preached sermon. If this be true, ... are talking with ourselves as well as ... God when we pray. Let us strive at o... to meet the need about which we ha... prayed. It might even be a sort of ga... try to answer your own prayer bef... God has to do it for you. Then again, ... have already observed that prayer is ... so much a way of changing God's mi... as of changing ours. How often we f... ourselves with desires completely tra... formed after prayer, if we have pray... "Thy will be done."

If we pray for the conversion of a... other, we are at once obligated to s... it by our own testimony. If we pray ... the success of our church and for spiritu... power in its ministry then we must ... motivated to support the program of pas... and leaders more completely. If we pr... for the winning of the heathen abroad a... the pagan at home, we must give ... money, time, and further prayer—or ... ourselves to do the work! If we pray ... some physical blessing or care for anoth... we can be consistent only by going ... and doing something for him oursel... If we pray for a greater Christian Endea... society we must be better Christian Endea... orers and give more of ourselves to ma... it possible.

DISCUSS PRAYER PROBLEMS

1. What do we mean by prayer
2. Is it petition or thanks for re... sponse to it?
3. What are "prayers that grow ... their answers"?
4. How can we help grow answe... to our prayers?
5. What should be one's attitude in ... prayer?
6. Which is more important, praye... for ourselves or others? Why?
7. What has God promised about ... prayer?
8. What does He require of us in ... the matter of prayer?
9. How is prayer a self-preached ... sermon?
10. What is our society going to ... do about a prayer project for the ... days immediately ahead?

Yield Not To Temptation

Fourth Topic in a Series on "Lift Every Voice"

Proverbs 23:21; 29-32

Intermediate

— AUGUST 1 —

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

Aim

To recall the familiar hymn which ır topic.
To face today's temptations and how to hurdle them.
To gain spiritual resources to com- oday's evils.

ptation Comes to Each Person

ost of us think that the temptations come to us personally are the greatest e world. Naturally it is not possible any other mortal has ever fought the I fight, or withstood the urge to error, lt the attacks of evil, as I have. Satan s overtime when he takes up my case. different from all the other people ever lived on the earth. Mine is the c struggle, the herculean effort, to- righteousness! Have we not all felt

d created man with physical desires as hunger and thirst. These desires ot evil but normal. But Satan tempts use these desires in wrong ways or wrong methods to bring about their action. He tempted Eve with forbidden and Jesus to make bread with super- al power in order to satisfy hunger. s' 1:12-15 states we are tempted gh our own lusts or desires.

ie Temptations In School

ce we know of many school events the peculiar temptations they bring. ught not to be caught unawares. Some ese temptations are:

The dance problem in connection with classes and proms.
The temptation to cheat at examina- time.
The temptation to play "dirty" when hletic events.
To participate in lotteries on games,

The temptation that coincides with ival seasons.
The temptation to take a drink of r.

tan's method is to get one to go where ill be tempted and with old friends will pull him down. One cannot ex- not to be led into temptation who does sever himself from all the influences will draw him back into the old life. To return to the former places of sin. To return to the habit of smoking, ring, desecration of the Lord's day, other vices.

Method of Temptation

mptation usually operates through the ıal functions and natural desires of an personality. This is a fact which we must establish firmly in our minds. Frequently, the notion is suggested that temptation is always dramatic and concrete. We remember the picture of Martin Luther throwing his inkwell at the visible presence of the devil, and think that this is the norm of temptation. But, rather, Satan comes through more subversive channels. He works much as he did in the case with Eve at the time of the first temptation; he is subtle, using suggestions which can hardly be distinguished from legitimate urges. James had it right when he said, "A man is tempted when he is *drawn away* of his *own desires. . . .*"

Sin

Sin is a fact. God's holy Word says, "All have sinned." "To him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin." (James 4:17)

Society reckons with it in huge budgets to protect itself against crime and to put criminals in penal institutions. The perverse citizen is a sinner.

Sin is not only an offence against society; it is also an offence against God. As someone suggests: "Sin is man's 'no' to God."

Fortunately, man's sin does not stop God. He has the answer to man's persistent and incurable problem. In Christ Jesus, God's Son, "we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace." (Ephesians 1:7)

To have sin forgiven, our part is to acknowledge unworthiness and sin, repent and turn from it, and accept God's forgiveness. "If we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (I John 1:9)

As you recite the Apostles' Creed in the next service you attend and say "I believe in the forgiveness of sins" may it have new meaning to you.

The Supreme Moral Issue

The supreme moral issue is, "What shall I then do with Jesus?" Pilate is an illustrious example of attempted evasion of the issue. What a cowardly spectacle he made of himself! All down the centuries his name stands for all that is selfish, time-serving, cowardly, and ignominious. Yet this same issue confronts every one who has reached the age of accountability. There is no evasion possible. To fail to act means to reject Jesus.

There is no better time nor opportunity to settle this supreme moral issue than now. No one knows just what the days ahead hold for any one of us. The prophet of old said to the king, "This year thou shalt die." What a solemn announcement! Of every one of us this announcement can be made some New Year's day. But it is not only to meet death that we need to accept Christ, but to fit us to live our best and happiest and most useful selves. Would that many of our young people throughout the Church would face this supreme moral issue now and settle it right by taking Jesus as their Saviour and Lord!

Beat Temptation

Temptation is a part of the business of being right. There's a little Calvary in all worthwhile objectives! The best Man that ever breathed out love on an ungracious race was tempted the same as the others.

But hear Paul a little further. "God is faithful." He will not let you crack! He will not let you escape the temptation, but He will arrange a setup whereby you may be able to endure it. Temptation is common, but it has been beaten. It can be overcome by any person in whom the Eternal Spirit operates. Some of us know! And we know who gets the credit!

The Shield of Knowledge

To be forewarned is to be forearmed. God's Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my pathway, revealing the pitfalls, and quagmires, and danger of sin, pointing out the safe and smooth path of righteousness and obedience. "Thy Word have I hid in mine heart that I might not sin against Thee."

The Shield of Prayer and Faith

Believing prayer is the key to spiritual power. "Ask and ye shall receive." "Ye have not because ye ask not." Jesus said, "According to your faith be it unto you." Again speaking of casting the evil spirit out of the young man, "This kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting." "Have faith in God."

The Shield of Unselfish Service for Others

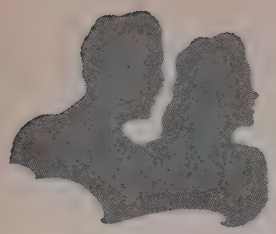
Many temptations are the legitimate fruit of idleness. Especially is this true in the Christian life. The indifferent, lukewarm, half-hearted, inactive Christian is exposed to temptation such as the active faithful Christian knows nothing of. The endeavor to save some one else from sin and lead him to the Saviour is a wonderful preventive of sin. The endeavor to make oneself useful in the church, Sunday school and Christian Endeavor, willing to serve anywhere, anyway and all the time, is a great preventive of sin and deliverer from temptation.

Daily Bible Readings

uly 26. Voice of Experience. Prov. 1:10.
uly 27. One Must Choose. Deut. 30:15-20.
uly 28. Daniel Faces Temptation. Dan. 1:8.
uly 29. Jesus Faces Temptation. Matt. 4:1-11.
uly 30. A Way of Escape. I Cor. 10:13,14.
uly 31. Power for Christian Living. Phil. 4:13.
Aug. 1. Topic—Yield Not to Temptation. Prov. 23:21; 29-32.

TO STIMULATE THINKING

1. How can we learn what is the right side in great issues?
2. Why does following Christ always keep us right?
3. How will our example affect others?
4. How can we arouse Christians to their duty?



Senior-Young People

— AUGUST 8 —

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:
Pray for God's blessing and help.
Study the Bible selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting

This topic is the first in a series of four on "A Visit To Bible Lands." During this series a study of gardens, of rivers and seas, of wells, and of mountains will be made. Today's topic concerns gardens. During the month of August many people are vacationing and visiting other lands. The leaders of this month's meeting have the opportunity of taking the society members on an imaginary trip to Bible Lands. Perhaps one person or a small group could conduct the entire series to keep it uniform and continuous. Many groups hold their meetings outdoors during the summer months, and it should not be difficult to locate a garden where the meeting can be held to make a beautiful and appropriate setting. This should help to set the "mood" for the meeting.

Aim of The Topic

1. To learn more about some of the gardens mentioned in the Bible.
2. To learn of the lessons taught there.
3. To point out the relation of the beginning of sin and the forgiveness of it in God's gardens.

Famous Gardens of The Bible

Gardens are always a subject of interest. To some they represent a most consuming interest. The gardens of the Bible are most intriguing and provide a study that is both profitable and useful. Most of us are familiar with several of the gardens that have figured in biblical events. Indeed, some of the outstanding historical incidents have occurred in gardens. How many memories surround our knowledge of these events. Merely the mention of Eden, or Gethsemane, or Olivet, or the other more familiar ones bring echoes of God's teaching that has been given there. Our topic today takes us on a "tour" of some of these gardens. Our Lord perhaps will speak to us also there.

A SEED THOUGHT
"There's a garden where Jesus is waiting — for you."

Gardens of the Bible

First Topic in a Series on "Visit To Bible Lands"

Genesis 2:7-17; Mark 14:32-42

Let's Look At A Few

No doubt as one thinks of a Bible garden, his thoughts turn first to either the Garden of Eden or the Garden of Gethsemane.

The story of the Garden of Eden is familiar to everyone. When God created man, He placed him in the Garden of Eden. It was there that Adam and Eve were tempted by the serpent. At this point, sin came into the world.

This garden must have been very beautiful, as it is referred to as the "garden of God" and "garden of the Lord." Read Ezekiel 28: 13 and 31: 8, 9. It is also compared with a land that was desolate and ruined, and "which is now like the garden of Eden," fenced and inhabited. (Note Isaiah 51: 1-3, Ezekiel 36: 35 and Joel 2: 3) The contrast makes the garden of Eden sound very green, fertile, fruitful, and alive with God's created works.

The other garden that we readily think of is the Garden of Gethsemane. Following the Last Supper, instituted by our Lord in His last days on earth, He left the Upper Room to go to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray. His disciples went with Him, but three times fell asleep while their Master prayed. He suffered mental and spiritual agony there, and even prayed that "this cup might pass from Me" if it be His Father's will. He knew He was to be betrayed. It was there that Judas gave Him the kiss that pointed Him out for capture. Read the account in Mark 14 and John 18. This garden is not described as one of beauty, though probably it was; it is known as the garden of agony.

The story is told in I Kings 21, one of our suggested daily readings, of a garden or vineyard that was secured by murder. Naboth had a fertile vineyard in Jezreel, but near the palace of Ahab, king of Samaria. Ahab asked for this vineyard, offering either another one which was better or money for it. Naboth would not give it. This bothered the king, even to the point that he would not eat. His wife, Jezebel, wrote letters in his name, and made plans, so that Naboth was stoned to death. Then Ahab was free to take possession of the garden. Although now he secured what he wanted, he was not happy. Read the account of it.

Joshua 24: 11-14 speaks of the vineyards and oliveyards from which the Israelites ate, even though their own labors did not plant them.

When the Lord describes the full kingdom blessing of restored Israel, He says "—they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them." (Amos 9: 14)

Many of God's great servants of old have been thought of as gardens of fruitfulness, and what an attractive figure of speech it is. Many comparisons can be drawn.

The life that is completely in the hands of God, with every need cared for is often compared to a "watered garden."

LEARNING VIA DISCUSSIO

1. How many gardens named the Bible can you remember?
2. Give the significance of ea garden. What teaching do we ga from each one?
3. Why is it that "in Adam all die
4. How is it true that "in Chr shall all be made alive"?
5. What is the garden of pray for us?
6. What secret of true prayer d Jesus teach us by His prayer Gethsemane?
7. How did Gethsemane mark t end of the age-long struggle betwe the forces of evil and righteousnes

How Important Are They Toda

We may well ask what this study of gardens of the Bible means to us to What is their significance in modern Of course the only importance they h is in their relationship to life itself an our personal experience.

The Garden of Eden is forever the s bol of sin and disobedience, for here was that sin came into the world, " death by sin." Our first parents disobe God and hid from His sight. As a c sequence they were banished from E the place of exquisite beauty, and f the favor of God. "Wherefore as by man sin entered into the world, and de by sin; and so death passed upon all m for that all have sinned." (Romans 5: Eden is the symbol of spiritual death punishment. "For as in Adam all die, e so in Christ shall all be made alive." Corinthians 15: 22)

The garden of Gethsemane, on the o hand, is forever the symbol of obedie It represented obedience even unto de for our Lord Jesus. In it He prayed, my Father, if it be possible, let this c pass from me: nevertheless not as I w but as Thou wilt—thy will be do (Matthew 26: 39, 42) Here Christ deci finally to take upon Him the sin of whole world. Following His prayer, was seized by the crowd who had c out as His enemies. Taken on a round hearings and mock trials, He finally filled His life's purpose on Calvary's Cr The very Son of God was crucified the redemption of all mankind who w believe. "By His stripes are we heal Gethsemane was the garden of decision victory. By its triumph we are eterna blessed.

Bible Portions

M., Aug. 2. A Land of Vineyards and Oliveyards. Josh. 24:11-
T., Aug. 3. A Garden Secured by Murder. I Kings 21:1
W., Aug. 4. From Desert to Garden. Isaiah 51
T., Aug. 5. "Like a Watered Garden." Isaiah 58
F., Aug. 6. A Promise to Israel. Jer. 31:1
S., Aug. 7. Betrayed in a Garden. John 18
Sun., Aug. 8. Topic—Gardens of the Bible Gen. 2:7-17; Mark 14:32

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Boogie and Hillbilly Music?

First Topic in a Series on "Candid Character Portrayals"

Psalm 28:7; I Corinthians 14:15b; Luke 8:5-15

Intermediate

— AUGUST 8 —

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

Aim

To gain an understanding of dif-nt types of music.

To appreciate what music can do us.

To develop a love for the highest of music.

at Is "Boogie Music"?

ogie music and its older brother, jazz, strange new madness in music. Born e corruption of evil minds, this foul ue has literally swept the world. The oday is filled with it as radios blare it , juke-boxes grind it out, and dance ls sell it. Boogie music is difficult to ibe, for sometimes it is subtly, sen-sly sweet, and other times blatant with discord. But always there is present underlying beat of lawlessness and straint.

e modern philosophy for living is to to every impulse and desire of the , for, we are told, our highest satisfac- will come through our physical senses. o doing, it is argued, the conflict of t desires will be avoided and harmony, faction, contentment and pleasure will t. However, something very funda-tal is forgotten in this belief.

o one will deny that boogie music es in bad company. Its bosom com-ons are a well-known infamous trio, dance, the movie, and liquor. Its effect is to be to promote a frenzy of emo-l excitement which with some be-s a delirium. The jitterbug demon-ions connected with it amount to bar-: shamelessness, and the contortions vile and suggestive. Swing is nothing than a seduction of music for sinful oses. Those who love their Lord should not yield to it.

odern thinkers forget that each one of as a conscience which, like a compass, ts to a spiritual magnetic pole. Avoid-conflict with sin and wrong by freely lging in carnality produces conflict conscience. Instead of actually a-ing harmonious living by taking their way, the opposite results. People de-themselves, and in the deception they bound by chains of habit which are ult to break. For them harmony with musical vibration of a clear conscience most impossible.

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1. Is rhythm essential in music?
2. Why are so many young people z-crazy?
3. Do you like catchy melodies? hy?
4. What is wrong with boogie sic?
5. What is your reaction to hill-ly music?
6. How can we develop a taste for od music?
7. Can life be a song?

What Is Hillbilly Music?

In every part of America there have grown up ballads and folk songs typical of the people in that particular section. Everyday people—carpenters and sailors, farmers and shoemakers, men and women robustly sing of their work and concerns. The songs they develop are pages of American history. Hillbilly songs often vigorously sing of their frontier life.

Read some of these titles and you will see how they have a native flavor:

"Hittin' F'r the Westward," "Thar's Gold in Them Thar Hills," "Out in the West Where the Riders Are Ready," "Homesteadin'," "The Merry Shanty Boys," "Gallant Bark and Ragin' Can-all," "What Ho! She Blows!" "In the Cotton Fields Away," "When That Mountain Fiddle Cries," "Folks," "Neighbors."

Often these songs are sung to the accompaniment of guitars, mandolins and other instruments. Today there is an imitation of the twang of the mountaineers as imitated by modern singers. There have also been new songs supposed to grow out of the folkways of these more isolated peoples. So over many broadcasting stations one hears "hillbilly music" which is not very elevating because it is written to imitate what today's people think was characteristic of these peoples. Real folk songs have a native quality about them and they record dramatic events and tell about vivid personalities.

Music Has Power

Music can be used for creating all the moods and tempers of which the human heart is capable. It can be used for changing these moods and tempers. Sympathies expand, the social nature is fed and exclusiveness is eliminated under the power of music. It is also a dangerous power. The moral nature can be debased, the moral sense stifled, the will power broken, and all the powers of moral resistance can be broken down by the influence of bad music. The great educators of the day who have made a careful study of the influences that help or hinder their work, tell us that beyond all doubt jazz music has a debasing effect on mind and heart.

Remember in the Old Testament how an evil spirit had come upon Saul, and his people said, "Something is wrong with our king." And they called for the son of Jesse, who played skillfully upon the harp. And David was sent for, and as he dispensed sweet music with his fingers from his harp, Saul was "turned into another man." (I Samuel 16) Music does change men. By it a coward may be changed into an invincible hero. It was not brute force that won the World Wars; had it been so, the victory would have gone to Germany. It was that subtle thing we call morale that won it. Spirit is the best thing about a human being, and music changes one's spirit.

Music Has Spiritual Power

There is spiritual power in music. Music is part and parcel of our spiritual program. Man is by nature a musical being, and by divine fiat he is a singing being.

Very early in the history of religion the Jews seized upon this natural aptitude of the human heart and turned it to sacred uses. Lamech sang for the people in the early dawn of Jewish history, and Jubal was instrumental in the invention of harps and pipes and timbrels for praising God. Music was at once installed as a part of the Temple worship, and it rang out through all the centuries in their synagogues and in every Jewish home.

Music is the language of the heart, the language in which the heart speaks its holiest emotions. When the heart is stirred it wants to sing. The deepest experiences of human life are told in song. There has never been a great revival of religion unattended by rapturous singing. With every new baptism of the Spirit there comes a fuller flood of holy song.

Make Good Music Yours

Be thankful if you are sensitive to musical impressions. Take lessons, by correspondence, if need be, in music appreciation.

Make music an important activity of life. Experience for yourself the joy of making your own music. By learning to play some musical instrument or by taking vocal lessons, add a rare pleasure to your sum total of living.

Join a Sunday school orchestra or choir in your church or community. Promote regular singing in church groups. One of the most thrilling concerts we attended recently included the singing of well-known and well-loved folk songs by members of the Czechoslovak audience in their own language. Words were thrown on the screen so that all might join, and the hearty singing was inspiring.

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Bible Rations

M., Aug. 2. Joyful Singing. Psalm 81:1,2.
T., Aug. 3. Singing in Worship. Psalm 95:1-6.
W., Aug. 4. Singing Praise in Time of Trial. Acts 16:22-25.
T., Aug. 5. A New Song. Psalm 96:1-3.
F., Aug. 6. Singing Psalms. James 5:13.
S., Aug. 7. Singing to the Lord. Eph. 5:19,20.
Sun., Aug. 8. Topic—What About Boogie and Hillbilly Music? Psalm 28:7; I Cor. 14:15b; Luke 8:5-15.

Senior-Young People

— AUGUST 15 —

Rivers and Seas of the Bible

Second Topic in a Series on "Visit To Bible Lands"

Joshua 3:14-17; Matthew 3:13-17; 4:18-20; 8:23-27

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:
Pray for God's blessing and help.
Study the Bible selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

This is the second topic in the series based on "A Visit to Bible Lands." Today's topic is concerned with the rivers and seas of the Bible. As suggested in last week's topic it should not be difficult to find a body of water near which the society could meet tonight, making them more conscious of the topic. Beside the waves of a lake or sea, along a babbling brook, or along a swift-flowing river, this day's subject can more readily "come alive." Reference to Bible Land maps will help the leader before, and perhaps during, the meeting. A knowledge of Bible geography will help. Strive to lead the society in a study of the rivers and seas that are mentioned so frequently in the Bible. Point out the remarkable things that happened there. Bring special emphasis to the great teachings that originated in these places, or that were dramatized there. Read the topic preceding this, and those following, to get a total picture of the series.

Aim of The Topic

1. To learn more about some rivers and seas mentioned in the Bible.

2. To note the great events that have taken place along these bodies of water.

3. To point out that these nature spots have influenced lives in the calling of youth to consecration and commission.

Famous Rivers and Seas of The Bible

God's Word records some intriguing and miraculous events on the shores and in the midst of a number of rivers and seas. As one pauses for a moment to think of some, though their names do not come immediately to mind, the events do. The divided sea, Christ's Baptism, His walking on water, stilling the waves, calling the disciples, are all inspirational and favorite stories to recall. They bring back vivid memories of some teaching of our God.

It has been said that if one traces the history of the waterways of the world, one has the history of man. Progress is made and civilizations are built along the rivers and streams of the nations. So it is true in the revelations of God's Word. If we were to trace the history of the waterways of the Bible, we would indeed find opened before us many of the significant events recorded there. tThe famous rivers and seas of the Holy Writ are familiar to us because of the eternal teachings that have had some relationship to these bodies. Water itself is peculiarly a symbol in our Lord's teaching. It has been used to symbolize cleansing, refreshment, purity or impurity, burial and resurrection, opportunity, and spiritual life itself. Hear again the words of the Saviour, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on Me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water." (John 7: 37, 38) One of life's indispensables is water. How well it symbolizes the spiritual essentials. Our "tour" today through the watercourses of the Bible should re-affirm this in our thinking. God has spoken through the whispering flow.

Let's Look At A Few

The River Jordan is the chief river of Palestine, forming its eastern boundary. It enlarges into the Sea of Galilee and empties into the Dead Sea. The River Jordan is 200 miles long, is swift, and narrow, yet is fordable at many places. Joshua 3 tells the miraculous story of carrying the ark of the covenant across the Jordan, as the waters parted when the priests first stepped into the water, as the Lord had promised. This allowed them to walk through on dry ground as the waters heaped up on either side.

It was beside the Jordan that Jesus came to John the Baptist to be baptized. Here following His baptism, a voice from Heaven was heard, saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Read this account in Matthew 3.

It was by the Sea of Galilee that Jesus saw the fishermen, Simon Peter, and Andrew. He called them to follow Him and become "fishers of men." They left their nets and followed. The Sea of Galilee is also called the sea of Chinnereth or Chinneroth and "Lake of Gennesaret," sea of Tiberias, and "the Sea." The familiar story of the feeding of the five thousand took place beside this sea. (Luke 9, John 6, Matthew 14) The disciples were amazed to see Christ walking on water. (Mark 6) Jesus stilled this Sea when a great tempest arose while He and His disciples were in a small ship. (Matthew 8: 23-27)

The Nile River is considered the longest river in the world, as it is more than 2700 miles long. It is usually referred to in Scripture as "the river." It was in this river that Pharaoh commanded the parents cast all sons born to them. It was the setting then of the ever famil story of "Moses in the bullrushes." (Exo 2) Pharaoh later referred to it as "my ri is mine own." (Ezekiel 29: 3) It was t same river whose waters were turned blood as Moses struck the rod at the Lo command. (Exodus 7: 19)

The Dead Sea was first called the "S Sea." It is 46 miles long and 10 m wide. Sodom and Gomorrah were two the five cities located at the head of Dead Sea. Read about them in Gen 14 and 15.

The rivers Abana and Pharpar flow through the city of Damascus. Their wa were believed to have more healing po than the River Jordan.

Others that can be looked up and stud are the following:

The Euphrates—Genesis 15: 18.
River of Egypt—Numbers 34: 5.
The Great Sea (Mediterranean)—Eze 47: 15, 19, and 20.

How Important Are They Toda

These waterways are of interest to because of the great lessons that have co to us from their bosom. The servants the ancient God have left us stories courage, of divine command, and of ho Especially in the New Testament are th places memorable. A majority of the tea ings of our Saviour come from Galilee from the Jordan, or their environs. Tr new life was prepared for us in the ba of God, along these waters. In the li of these happenings, our discussion center around youth's calling, consecra and commission.

Daily Readings

M., Aug. 9. Abram's Territory. Gen. 15: 18.
T., Aug. 10. Crossing the Red Sea. Ex. 14:21-29.
W., Aug 11. Israel's Promised Land. Deut. 11:22-24.
T., Aug. 12 Rivers Turned to Blood. Ex. 7:19-25.
F., Aug. 13. The River of God's Pleasure. Psalm 36:7-10.
S., Aug. 14 The River of Life. Rev. 22:1-5.
Sun., Aug. 15. Topic—Rivers and Seas of the Bible. Josh. 3:14-17; Matt. 3:13-17; 4:18-20; 8:23-27.

A SEED THOUGHT

"Shall we gather at the river
Where bright angel feet hav
trod;
With its crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God

LEARNING VIA DISCUSSIO

1. What do you recall about th Nile River? Its length? What ha pened along its banks?

2. Name some of the importa events that happened along the S of Galilee. Along the Jordan.

3. Why is the Dead Sea "dead"

4. How does the latter have a pa allel in our lives, in view of yo answer?

5. Why are watercourses essenti to man's life?

6. What does water symbolize?

7. What is the river referred to Revelation 22:1-3?

8. What does Jesus mean in Joh 7:37, 38?

Beauty Is More Than Skin Deep

Second Topic in a Series on "Candid Character Portrayals"

Matthew 5:1-10; I Corinthians 3:17; 6:19, 20

Intermediate

— AUGUST 15 —

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

Aim

To see what constitutes true ity.

To urge character growth through wing the rules of right living.

To suggest that real beauty comes atterning life after Jesus Christ.

d Hidden Faces

ne of the features in Sunday school rs that intrigued us in boyhood days the picture puzzles. Do you remem- he picture with this caption: "See how y faces you can find hidden in this scape?" Apart from the tempting prize ed to the one who found all the faces met the conditions of the contest, there the challenge in the puzzle itself. To ver faces upside down, or between , or on unusual objects in the picture as y times as possible was mental fun.

ave you ever tried to look into human and see how many times the image ne Christ is reflected on them? In a ded bus, on a busy street corner, even church congregation, pick out the that reveal a life centered in the er. Even very homely people may re- the kindliness of Jesus and that win- love for others that makes for stian faces.

leasing Personality

possess a personality that has the er to please, to attract, to entertain, to re, is a boon not only to be coveted, which can be cultivated. The mind and can be so trained as to be pleasing inspiring, in spite of any natural de- of feature or form. The leading re of true beauty is *soul-expression.* ical beauty is a secondary quality. face behind the face" or the soul tenance is the one that charms.

vacant mind means an empty look; a eled heart gives a dry expression; a my disposition produces a repelling a low bad nature has its counter-part n image of ugliness." Cheeriness of purity of thought, loftiness of mo- unselffishness of action, kindness of ner, gentleness of speech, are all bound ve the face a beauty of charm and of gth whatever may be the physical ish.

ss Gives a First Impression

lothes do not make the man, but they a marked way reveal his character." no asset of character has been so over- ed as the matter of dress. Fashion to- is one stupendous, disgusting fraud, a of shams, of vulgar pretenses, of empty show. The twin gods of rica today are money and fashion. ons pay homage to them, at the sac- of time, health, home, natural charm, ne, purity. On the other hand care- ess and oddity, eccentricity of dress manner are as much to be avoided, cessive attention to fashion. Here is d safe rule to dress by: Dress so well, atly, so correctly, that people will not especially notice what you have on, but will be impressed that your appearance is just right.

Health Gives Power

Good health is an essential and should be assiduously cultivated. Plenty of exercise, care in eating, sufficient sleep, regular habits, are all conducive to robust health. Nature, if her laws are obeyed, will do for the appearance very much more effectively, the very thing that many are foolishly spending time and money to get artificially.

How To Get True Beauty

Beauty, therefore, may be cultivated by looking after the inner life, which finds its true reflection in face and manner. This beauty of heart is available to all. Each of us may have the heart cleansed by the precious blood of Jesus and filled by the Holy Spirit. If the Holy Spirit dwells in us, he fills us with love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance. These qualities within are bound to make the exterior of the temples of our bodies beautiful.

As some rare perfume in a vase of clay,
Pervades it with a fragrance not its own,
So when thou dwellest in a human soul
All heaven's sweetness is around it thrown.

A sweet-faced woman who was nearing her eightieth birthday was asked how she had kept her youthful attractiveness to such an advanced age. She replied, "I know how to forget disagreeable things; I have cultivated the art of saying pleasant things; I have not expected too much of my friends; I have kept my nerves well in hand, I have not allowed them to bore other people; I have tried to find any work that came to hand congenial; and above all I have studied the approval of God." To study God's approval in dress, manners, looks, and conversation is not only the secret of keeping a youthful appearance even to old age—but is also the secret of true beauty. To study the approval of God in all our thinking, loving and willing is the secret of true beauty of character that will show itself in appearance and conduct.

ENDURING BEAUTY

"One noble aspiration leaves a trace,—
A touch—a line of beauty in the face;
But years of nobleness will drive it deep,—
Engrave the character with charm to keep.
Experiences, hopes and griefs and tears,
Pain and perplexities, and prayers and
Faith-reachings, love and meditations pure—
These grain the soul with beauty to endure."

Be Perfect

Jesus set the goal of perfection: "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." (Matthew 5:48)

For Your Program

1. Opening song service, "More About Jesus," — "More Holiness Give Me."

2. Scripture Lesson.

3. Hymn: "More Like the Master."

4. Prayer.

5. Special music: "A Clean Heart."

6. Leader's Talk: "True Beauty and How to Get It."

7. Additional topics for discussion:
(1.) Do clothes make the man? Have this discussed negatively and positively.
(2.) What habits tend to make one truly beautiful?
(3.) Is it fair to judge the inner nature from the face and manner of a person?

8. Let the leader quote Paul's prescription for true beauty as found in Philippians 4, and have the members repeat it in concert as a benediction, standing. While still standing, have a number of brief prayers asking for characters that are truly beautiful.

Read For Quiet Hour

M., Aug. 9. Wisdom Changes the Face. Eccl. 8:1.
T., Aug. 10. Stephen's Faith Shows in His Face. Acts 6:8-15.
W., Aug. 11. Changed by Beholding His Glory. II Cor. 3:16-18.
T., Aug. 12. God Shining in Men's Hearts. II Cor. 4:5,6.
F., Aug. 13. New Creatures. II Cor. 5:17.
S., Aug. 14. The Inner Man. Eph. 3:14-19.
Sun., Aug. 15. Topic—Beauty Is More Than Skin Deep. Matt. 5:1-10; I Cor. 3:17; 6:19, 20.

Senior-Young People

— AUGUST 22 —

Wells of the Bible

Third Topic in a Series on "Visit To Bible Lands"

Genesis 26:17-25; John 4:6-14

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its sucess by these steps:
Pray for God's blessing and help.
Study the Bible selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

This topic is the third in a series of four on "A Visit To Bible Lands." So far gardens, rivers and seas have been studied. Next week, mountains will be considered, but this topic concerns the "wells" of the Bible. If possible, meet near a well; if it is not, it would be quite simple to make a representation of one. This will add "color" to the meeting, as well as more reality. The leader should familiarize himself with the wells referred to in Scripture and gain as much knowledge of Bible geography as possible. He should make this a Bible study meeting and trace out some of the references. Especially should a study be made of Jacob's Well, and of the many significant events occurring near it, through several centuries. It is doubtless the most famous well of history. From Old Testament days and on through the teaching days of Jesus it has figured prominently. Even its ruins are of interest today. Try to bring a continuity out of this series of four topics. Let it be a real "visit" to Bible lands, by seeing all these interesting places. Read the other topics carefully, and relate them to this one.

Aim of The Topic

1. To learn about some of the wells mentioned in the Bible.

2. To note the lessons brought out at these wells.

3. To point out how "wells" affected peace, race prejudice, salvation and true worship.

Famous Wells Of The Bible

One of the interesting things about the series of topics we are discussing this month is that they take familiar objects and "squeeze" new teachings out of them. We are looking at their many facets, and learning by our looking. Take the famous wells of the Bible, for example. How often we take them for granted, without noting how they have influenced our Christian teaching and thought. Or rather the events they have seen have influenced us. Jacob's Well has had a long and most colorful existence. History has been made at its curbstone.

Since water is an essential for life, wells represent a source of life. In ancient days, wells were poisoned by enemy attackers, as they were requisite for life itself. Water has a fascinating symbolism and would make in itself a very interesting study. (Refer to last week's topic for further detail.) It is a symbol of life. This being true, a well typified the source of life. It is the place of release for flowing, continuous waters. It is the place where life can be renewed. Without water a man soon perishes. By the same token, a well symbolizes spiritually the ever-present source of help in God. Perhaps that is why God chose to reveal some of His choice teachings at the side of a well. We are made to realize more and more that God has said, "Lo I am with you always" and "My grace is sufficient for thee." He opens wells of promise and of power, from which we may drink and live. As one of our hymns says:

"Thy Word is like a deep, deep mine;
And jewels rich and rare
Are hidden in its mighty depths
For every searcher there."

Let's Look At A Few

Jacob's Well is probably the most famous one in history. Many, many events through many centuries took place near it. See if you can trace some of these events. Study its location and its history, trying to determine its importance and its message.

Jacob's Well is in a low spur of Mt. Gerizim, at the mouth of the valley of Shechem. Centuries later we find Jesus at this well and here is recorded some of His precious teaching. The Master was wearied from a long journey and sat on the edge of this well. He had no means of dipping in to get the water. A woman of Samaria came to draw water, so Jesus asked for a drink. The Jews never had any dealings with the Samaritans, so the woman could not understand this request. As Jesus had opportunity, He explained that one could drink of that water and thirst again, but He could give "living water." Read the complete story in John 4.

In another incident concerning a well, Abraham was to send Hagar and her son away so he could not associate with Sarah's son, Isaac. Abraham sent them away with bread and a bottle of water. When the water was gone Hagar could not bear to see her son die so she placed him under some shrubs, and walked off to weep. God spoke to her and told her He heard the boy crying. He told her to lift him up and He would make a great nation of him. As she did, she saw " a well" and gave the boy drink.

For Daily Meditation

M., Aug. 16 A Well Saves Ishmael's Life. Gen. 21:14-21.
T., Aug. 17. Choosing Isaac's Wife at a Well. Gen. 24:42-52.
W., Aug. 18. Isaac Dwells by a Well. Gen. 25: 11.
T., Aug. 19. Jacob and Rachel Meet at a Well. Gen. 29:1-11.
F. Aug. 20. Water from the Home Well. II Sam. 23:14-17.
S., Aug. 21. Christ, the Water of Life. John 7:37, 38.
Sun., Aug 22. Topic—Wells of the Bible. Gen. 26:17-25; John 4:6-14.

LEARNING VIA DISCUSSIO

1. How many famous wells of th Bible can you name?

2. What was the lesson establishe at each of these?

3. Of what value today are th experiences of the people of old?

4. What lesson did Jesus teach Jacob's well?

5. What is taught about peac race prejudice, true worship at the various wells?

6. What is taught about salvatio

7. What is the Christian symbo ism of water?

Another story is told of Abrah Abimelech's servants had violently ta a well away from Abraham. The latter g Abimelech seven lambs and they mad covenant there that Abraham had dig the well. The place was called Beershe because there both of them swore to (Genesis 21: 30-31)

Isaac found his wife Rebecca at a w according to God's leading. Read ab this in Genesis 24: 42-52.

Another well, called Lahairoi, is betw Kadesh and Bered. It is said that here saw God. Read the following referen and try to piece together the story. Gen 24: 62 and Genesis 16: 14. Genesis 25: says that after Abraham's death, God ble His son Isaac, and Isaac dwelt by the w Lahairoi.

Read of Jacob and Rachel meeting a well. (Genesis 29: 1-11)

Isaac, the well digger, was respons for the digging of the wells named Es which means strife; Sitnah, which me hatred; and Rehoboth, which means ro See what you can find about them in Gen 26: 17-25.

Uzziah built wells for his many ca (II Chronicles 26: 10)

David desired water from the well Bethlehem. Three strong men br through the host of Philistines, and secu the water. David poured it out on ground, for he said, "Is not this the bl of the men that went in jeopardy of t lives?" (II Samuel 23: 14-17)

Read about the appearance of the an at the well. (Genesis 16: 1 - 17: 27)

A SEED THOUGHT

"There is a fountain filled wit blood
Drawn from Immanuel's veins
And sinners, plunged beneat that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains."

What Is Profanity?

Third Topic in a Series on "Candid Character Portrayals"

Exodus 20:7; Matthew 5:33-37; 23:16-22

Intermediate

— AUGUST 22 —

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

)ur Aim

1. To see how profanity cheapens a erson.
2. To note how profanity can be vercome.
3. To suggest the values in Christian onversation.

Iow Serious Is Profanity?

There are degrees of profanity. Someone efines them this way: (1) There are words nd phrases which are the jargon of a articular class or short cuts to expression hich are distinctive to a locality, as part f a particular dialect. (2) There is the jive talk" which characterizes the conersation of this particular generation; slanguage" they call it. (3) Then there re those words and phrases which are ut modified forms of profanity, either obcene or "dirty" talk or blasphemous talk.

Many of us use shortcuts in expressing urselves. We're guilty of saying "yep" for yes," "Okay" for "I'm agreed", and You're telling me" for "I knew it all long." Some of these expressions come om poor training and others from genral usage.

Slang begins to have moral and spiritual nplications. Slang which is but a "coward's rofanity" certainly should not be a part f the Christian's vocabulary. Many words nd phrases exist for the convenience of ose who choose not to use profanity in s crude form. Some of these are evident, me are not so evident. But in any event e must see them for what they are, abreviated forms or imitations of the riginals.

'rofanity Offends

When it comes to profanity we destrov espect for the person who uses it and gainst whom it is used. Profanity is an ndication of weakness. Those who so oldly profane God's name just indicate eir mental poverty and lack of selfntrol. They are, as it were, just lifting e curtain so that all may see the fact that eir heart is filled to overflowing with rofanity. Surely every child of God will lace a triple guard upon his lips so that e sin not in this matter.

While profanity may seem unimportant some, the truth is that it is usually a mptom of a wrong spiritual attitude or of wrong relationship to God. Thus it is gnificant that people who use God's name rofanely often also use other vulgar and en revolting expressions.

Scripture References

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.. Aug. 18. Conversation Worthy of the Gospel. Phil. 1:27.
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un., Aug. 22. Topic—What Is Profanity? Exodus 20:7; Matt. 5:33-37; 23:16-22.

Promiscuous use of the name of God does not make for strong and effective expression; on the contrary, it is the crutch of the conversational cripple. It is the sign of a limited vocabulary. It usually shows that a person lacks breeding and refinement.

Washington's Observation

"The foolish and wicked practice of profane cursing and swearing," said George Washington, "is a vice so mean and low that every person of sense and character detests and despises it." Even if the profane person is not particularly concerned about the impression he creates, he should bear in mind that his talk is a vile example to children who may overhear him, and that it is offensive to any decent man or woman within earshot.

No man is richer, or happier, or wiser, for profanity. It is conversation's cesspool, and there is not a single word to be said in its defense.

Why Swear?

Some young people start using profanity to be considered a good Joe. Others think it makes them grown-up. Some think it's a way to shock people. Why do you think your friends start swearing? How can you tell your friends that this procedure is old-hat?

Profanity's Cure

A good test is to turn to the words of Paul. "Let no man despise thy youth, but be thou *an example of the believers* in word. . . . " The things we say and the words we use to say them should at all times reflect our hearts' devotion to God. We testify with the casual words which we speak as well as with the words framed in the usual pattern of testimony.

The real remedy for profanity is not merely to resolve not to use it, but to make right one's relationship to God through faith in Jesus Christ. "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." (John 1:12) Men and women who are "sons of God" do not pollute His name by using it irreverently or carelessly.

Jesus said: "That which cometh out of the man, that defileth him." (Mark 7:20) This is something which every swearer should remember—"Every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give an account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." (Matthew 12:36, 37)

Don't be deceived. Don't think that God has repealed His commandment forbidding blasphemy, or will fail to bring into judgment everyone who is guilty. There is a day of reckoning coming.

Erase These Words

Someone has traced the background of words which many use without thinking of their being profane. Check on these and see if you use them:

Gee is short for *Jesus*
Gosh is a garbled form of *God*
Darn is a garbled form of *damn*
Golly is a profane use of *God*
Deuce means *devil*
Dickens means little *devil*
Heck is used for *Hell*

Many of us use these terms without thinking of their true meaning. Would it be well for us to check ourselves first of all, before we try to curb slang by others?

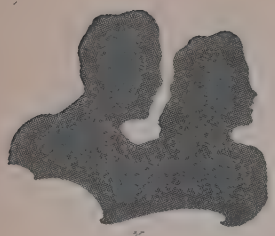
Some people say the use of these words does not hurt unless you use them with "malice aforethought." Do you agree with this point of view? Is use of slang deliberate or habitual? If it is a habit how can we break ourselves of its use? Is profanity to be used by preachers? What do you think of ministers who use slang? If we think ministers ought not to use profanity or slang then dare lay Christians follow this habit? Does it weaken the witness of the Christian church in a secular world for church members to use profanity?

Today it is smart to wisecrack. The smart answer, the gay retort, the borderline use of questionable words is heard in many circles. If life is serious business dare the Christian follow the course of using light talk constantly? What do you think of some TV program leaders who twist good words to have a suggestive meaning?

Paul suggested that our "conversation should be seasoned with salt." What does he mean? Making words count is an art. When we let our words count for Christ and serve to interest others in Him are we not performing a good service to Christ's cause?

PROVOCATIVE

1. Why do people swear?
2. Is there a difference between slang and profanity?
3. Because others swear must we to be popular?
4. Is taking God's name in vain a sin?
5. How can we conquer the habit of swearing?
6. List the slang phrases used by youth in your community. Study them as to which really border on the profane. Resolve to avoid their use in your Christian youth group.
7. What are the rewards of using clean speech?
8. How does the use of profanity hinder the cause of Christ?
9. Could you plan for a "clean speech" crusade in your school? What steps would you have to take to effect this goal?



Senior-Young People

— AUGUST 29 —

Mountains of the Bible

Fourth Topic in a Series on "Visit To Bible Lands"

Exodus 19:16-20; Matthew 5:1, 2, 26-30

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:
Pray for God's blessing and help.
Study the Bible selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purpose of the meeting.

This is the last of the series on "A Visit To Bible Lands." Already gardens, rivers and seas, and wells have been discussed. Today we concentrate on the mountains of the Bible. Attempt to meet on or near a mountain or hill if possible. Even a distant view of one will help. Seek to add all the reality possible to the topic. Again a more careful than usual study of biblical geography will help. At least become acquainted, on a Holy Land map, with the mountains referred to in the topic material. Read all the Scripture references carefully. In preparation will be the secret of interest and success of the meeting. Such a topic as this can be uninteresting if it is not understood.

Perhaps for the actual meeting, assignments can be made. Let different Endeavorers describe and interpret the various mountains and their significance. Try to understand the messages God has spoken at these points and realize their application to the present world. Then strive to interpret these things to your society. Keep the continuity of this series of four topics, perhaps referring to the relationship between these other subjects and today's. Read over the preceding ones and make this truly a mental and spiritual "tour" of the Bible Lands.

Aim of The Topic

1. To learn more about the mountains of the Bible.

2. To discover the teaching that emanated from these places.

3. To point out that if we take time to commune with God, we, too, will get a vision of Him.

Scripture Passages

M., Aug. 23. Abraham's Sacrifice on Mt. Moriah. Gen. 22:1-14.
T., Aug. 24. The Burning Bush on Mt. Horeb. Ex. 3:1-10.
W., Aug. 25. Elijah's Sacrifice on Mt. Carmel. I Kings 18:20-39.
T., Aug. 26. The Mount of Transfiguration. Mark 9:2-8.
F., Aug. 27. The Ascension at Mt. Olivet. Acts 1:9-12.
S., Aug. 28. Inspiration from the Hills. Psalm 121:1, 2.
Sun., Aug. 29. Topic—Mountains of the Bible. Ex. 19:16-20; Matt. 5:1, 2, 26-30.

Famous Mountains of The Bible

The mountains of the Bible were peculiarly places of communion and vision. Upon most of these mountains, God revealed Himself in some unusual way. Certain specific messages were conveyed to those who had "ears to hear." Each was of vital importance to the total plan of God for man. The majesty of the mountains somehow transfers itself to the wonder of God's message. Their very immensity and rugged splendor bespeaks the immutability and permanence of the Word of God. We so often speak of a highly inspirational event as a "mountain top experience." This symbolizes the mysterious exhileration of the rare and sacred in life. Truly the historic mountains of Bible record have a message for us today. It is small wonder that the Psalmist said, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord—." (Psalm 121: 1, 2)

Let's Look At A Few

Mount Sinai is one of the most important of the mountains. It forms part of the peninsula between the gulfs of Suez and Akabah, near the Red Sea. Read Exodus 19 and 20 in order to review the story of the Ten Commandments, which were received by Moses from God on Mt. Sinai.

God also appeared to Moses in the burning bush on Mount Horeb, also referred to as the Mountain of God. (Exodus 3)

Mt. Carmel is part of a mountain range branching off from the mountains of Samaria. It was on this mountain that Elijah put the Israelites' gods to test against his God. As he called upon God to bring fire upon his sacrifice, God sent the fire to burn the bullock, wood, stones, dust, and even water. (I Kings 18: 20-39)

Moses took his first and last view of the Promised Land from Mount Nebo. He died and was buried in one of its ravines. It overlooks the mouth of the Jordan. (Deuteronomy 22: 49, Deuteronomy 32: 49, 34: 6)

Mount Ararat was the resting place of Noah's Ark. (Genesis 8: 4)

Mount Moriah was more than two days' journey from Gerar. It may be the same as Mount Gerizim. This mount witnessed the offered sacrifice of Isaac, the vision of God's judgment and mercy, the presence of His Temple and worship. (Genesis 22 and II Chronicles 3: 1)

Mount Hermon, also called Mt. Sion, was the great landmark of the Hebrews, and known for its year-round snow. It is probably the scene of the transfiguration. (Deuteronomy 4: 48; Psalm 89: 12, and Luke 9: 27-36)

The Mount of Olives is one of the best known in New Testament record. It is a ridge near Jerusalem, where there is a distinct view of the Temple, but 300 feet higher than the Temple. All about it today are dotted chapels or monuments locating memorable events such as: cave of Christ's prayer and agony, place of the capture of Christ, "spot that witnessed the stoning of Stephen," where Jesus wept over the city, where He first taught the Lord's Prayer, where the Beatitudes were first proclaimed, where Christ spoke of the judgment to come, place of the Ascension where He spoke many parables, and others. Using Bibles, concordances, Bible dictionaries, and commentaries, see what the group can find about these events.

Using the suggested helps above, and other Bible aids, see what can be found about these other mountains also: Lebanon, Tabor, Moreh, Mizpah, Nob, and Zion.

A SEED THOUGHT

"On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain."

How Important Are They Today?

Well, each one will have to answer that question for himself. There is an importance in a knowledge of these great mountains. There is a most vital importance in a knowledge of the message received from God here. From some came a vision of things to come and of God's requirements. These still live today. From other mountains have come graphic experiences of special communion with Him. This is also possible today for those who seek Him "in spirit and in truth." Some of the mountain experiences teach us of prayer. Let us learn well. God always reveals Himself to those who seek Him. By such a communion ourselves, we can not only "see God," but catch a vision of the world's need today—and of our part in meeting it. We come down from the mount of inspiration to the valley of service.

LEARNING VIA DISCUSSION

1. What great teaching came to us from Mt. Sinai?
2. Are the instructions from Sinai outmoded today? Why or why not?
3. What great assurance do we have from Mount Olivet's victory?
4. How do we claim this assurance and victory?
5. How can we "see God"?
6. By what best means can we commune with Him?
7. What is the full meaning of commune?
8. What is the meaning of Isaiah 2:2?
9. What was your "mountain-top experience," the moment of greatest inspiration?
10. Which is better, solitary worship, as Christ's in prayer, or public worship?

Why Keep Promises?

Fourth Topic in a Series on "Candid Character Portrayals"

Mark 14:66-72; Psalm 119:163-168

Intermediate

— AUGUST 29 —

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

ır Goals

. To discover why some youths fail keep promises.

. To stress loyalty and dependabil-

. To portray our Christ as depend-le.

Life depends on people who keep their promises. Our world is built on faith. We lieve success or failure by the way we p our word.

onesty in Word and Deed

(1) "Words are things, as much as llets and daggers, and often are just as ling." Therefore we should watch our rds; always speak the truth and nothing the truth.

(2) Dishonesty begins in the mind. As nan thinketh, so is he. We should care-ly guard the beginnings of temptation thinking honest thoughts.

(3) At a large railroad station a man employed to stand at the top step of a th stairway to remind the many pas-igers to "watch their step." "Watch your p" is a good motto for all walks of life. eping promises one makes is honesty in rd and deed. God expects it of us.

"A deceiver soon comes to distrust him-f. For just insofar as distrust prevails in y life, the man fails and his work will ve to be done over again."

The Book of Revelation closes with a ture of those who are lovers and doers truth. From their joyful presence is ex-ded all the lovers of dishonesty, for they assembled in the lake that burneth with e and brimstone, which is the second ath.

ake a Look in the Bible

Read Mark 6:21-26. Half a kingdom for dance. What a dear price! But Herod had aced himself into a dilemma compelling n to choose one of two evils: to break a h, wicked oath, or to commit murder. hat a rash oath, but he would rather murder John the Baptist than to endure the sneers of his guests if he broke his promise.

Promises Are Easily Made

It is quite easy for all of us to make promises. We promise ourselves certain things; we promise our friends certain definite things. We make promises to God time and time again. Sometimes these promises are made after much thought and deliberation, but often they are made on the spur of the moment.

Certain experiences are conducive to the making of promises. In a time of sickness or sorrow we make promises that are intended to be lasting. During special evangelistic campaigns we promise God many definite things. Social friendships and social experiences lead us to make promises to our friends. In the heat of some forward movement or campaign it is easy to move with the masses and take upon ourselves certain definite promises. Surely promises are easily made.

It is one thing to make a promise, but it is quite another to keep the promise that we have made. Solomon said, "When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed. Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay." (Ecclesiastes 5:4, 5) We should regard our promises as sacred covenants and endeavor to do our very best to keep them.

Think About What Promises Demand

Before we make promises that bind us to certain definite duties and obligations, we should be thoroughly informed as to what they are and what is demanded of us. For example, every young person should be thoroughly informed as to the duties and obligations he takes upon himself when he signs the Christian Endeavor pledge and takes upon himself the duties involved in its pledge. Too often the young people are not informed concerning the demands made in the pledge, and in a thoughtless attitude, they sign the pledge. Then, a little later it is discovered that they are not "paying their vows." Why? Because they did not know what they were really doing, for they had not even read the pledge, and if the pledge was repeated in their presence, they thought that there was no serious implications in it for the members treated it lightly themselves. Hence many sacred vows are easily broken.

But, someone says, "Would it not be better to break a vow, than to carry it out, if it was later discovered that the vow would work injury to self and to others?" Yes, break a wrong vow, for such a vow is always invalid. To carry out a sinful promise increases the guilt. It is wrong to make a rash promise and it is wrong to keep it

The Promises of God

The many promises of God are built upon four pillars. 1. *God's Justice,* which will not suffer him to deceive. 2. *God's Grace,* which will not suffer him to forget. 3. *God's Truth,* which will not suffer him to change. 4. *God's Power,* which makes him able to accomplish.

A Three-Fold Promise

1. *A Promise to Self.* "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matthew 6:33) This verse has been chosen for the key verse, for he who makes this his promise will be at his best every day and will minister to his own unselfish interests.

2. *A Promise to Others.* "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." (Matthew 7:12) The Golden Rule is a rule of gold as we think of our relationships to mankind. We owe every one this pledge and we are under moral obligation to carry it out.

3. *A Promise to God.* "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." (Matthew 22:37) This should be our pledge to God. He requires this from every member of the human family. He will hold us to this sacred obligation whether we make the vow personally or not. Vow or no vow, we owe to God our love, yes, our all.

Jesus Was True

Jesus Christ was about to leave his disciples and go "into a far country." During his absence the time was to be spent not in idle waiting but in diligent working. So he "called his own servants and delivered unto them his goods." They were reminded of the fact that they were his servants and not their own. They were "bought with a price;" "that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them."

All men have been purchased with this infinite price. God gave his greatest gift to purchase the will, the affections, the soul, of every being. Whether believers or sinners, all men are the Lord's property. All are called to do service for him, all will be required to render an account of this stewardship at the great Judgment day.

THINK ON THESE THINGS

1. Should we make promises? Why?
2. Why should treaties be sacredly kept?
3. What promise do you find on a dollar bill?
4. How does failure to keep promises affect character?
5. Why is it better not to vow than to vow and not pay?
6. Look in the Bible for instances of men and women who made vows and fulfilled them. Of those who broke their promises. What happened in each instance?
7. In your school do young people live up to their promises? When they don't what is the outcome?
8. A young person in your church promises to aid in the Christian Endeavor program, then does not show up. How should you treat this person?

From The Book of Books

M., Aug. 23. God's Faithfulness. I Kings 8:56.
T., Aug. 24. Faithful Stewards. I Cor. 4:1-4.
W., Aug. 25. Faithful Workmen. II Kings 12:13-15.
T., Aug. 26. Faithful in Much or Little. Luke 16:10-13.
F., Aug. 27. Dependability Rewarded. Neh. 7:1,2.
S., Aug. 28. Holding Fast Our Profession. Heb. 10:23.
Sun., Aug. 29. Topic—Why Keep Promises? Mark 14:66-72; Ps. 119:163-168.

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"What is man, that Thou are mindful of him and the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour." (Psalm 8:4-5.) Let us thank our God that he has visited us and made himself known unto us in Christ. (*Pause*)

"Ye that love the Lord, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he deliverereth them out of the hand of the wicked." (Psalm 97:10) Reassert your love for God and pledge your life anew unto Him and his will for you. (*Pause*) Hear, O God, the prayers which we have uttered from our heart, and grant us thy power to fulfill our vows. Amen.

Closing Hymn: Day is Dying in the West.

A Prayer for the Vacation Months.

Be Thou with those who bide where mountains rise,
Where yearning earth draws nearest to the skies!
Give them the peace, the courage that they ask;
New strength to face the waiting valley task;
New light to lead through shrouding valley haze!
Thy blessing, Lord, on all vacation days.

Molly Anderson in BUILDERS.

Intermediate — July 25

(*Continued from Page 19, Col. 3*)

What Christ Expects of our Mind

1. *Consistency.* Christians, who bear the name of Christ Jesus and profess to be His disciple, should resemble Him in all things. Christ demands a surrendered mind, and the world expects it of us. It is the only consistent thing to do.

2. *Happiness.* We cannot be truly happy without the mind of Christ. Our peace and comfort will be in exact proportion to our surrender. We cannot enjoy His fellowship unless we have His mind.

3. *Usefulness.* Christ's mind will make us useful so that our lives will be a blessing to our fellowmen. We will go about doing good.

4. *Life.* Indeed, this is salvation to have within us the mind of Christ. The closer our likeness to Jesus, the greater our future glory and the more abundant our reward. O how desirable then to be deeply solicitous to possess the whole mind that was in Christ!

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A Planned Meeting

The topic could be presented in an interesting way by means of a Triangle meeting. Let a diagram of the "living triangle" (body, mind, spirit) be placed before the society. Each sector will represent one of these elements. Have three Endeavorers take "Body" as the topic for their talks; three others may take "Mind"; three others "Soul." All participation should be by three. The audience should be seated in a triangle.

Quotations

"He that stands upon his own strength shall never stand."—Austin.

"We are stewards of strength, and we must give account of the use we have made of it."

Intermediate — August 8

(*Continued from Page 23, Col. 3*)

Sing for the joy of it. A great featur of rugby matches in Wales is the singin of the crowd before play begins.

Sing at home. "The reason we do not g out evenings very often on Sunday," coc fided a young mother to us with a charm ing smile, "is because, if we do, we mis our sing with our three sons after Chris tian Endeavor."

Sing at your work. Remember the bo who "started to sing as he tackled th thing that couldn't be done—and he di it."

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1. **Messages From South Pacific Christians.** II Cor. RSV. 2:14-17.
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or - Young People — July 25

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Pray?

ere are many reasons for prayer, ex- t reasons. The best are not merely we should have our physical desires ed. We have no right to expect God lay favorites" or be our "errand boy." is not promised to always give us an life. Prayer does provide the things ed, and many that we desire, but the r purpose is in the lesson we learn. r is not so much to change God as ange us. We cannot normally ask God ange His laws to meet our needs. We seek to be conformed ourselves to laws.

rough prayer we find the mind of God, e lifted into higher spheres of think- nd living. In prayer we open our , minds and lives to allow the Holy to effect God's will in us. The pur- of this topic is to help young people stand what prayer really is and how ure its power. The aim is to ask this ion, "Why Pray Anyway?" Our ans- simple and direct, "To allow the Holy to lead us into doing God's will, o give God a chance to help us."

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ALL IN FUN

DEFINITIONS:

Dentist: A man who bores you to tears.

Quartet: Four people who think the other three can't sing.

Boy: A noise with dirt on it.

Home Cooking: Where more women should be.

"What, no tip?" said the indignant waiter. "Why, the champion miser of the town always gives me a dime!"

"Does he?" replied the surly diner. "Well, just have a look at the new champion."

A very little boy came home dejected from his first day at school.

"Ain't goin' tomorrow," he said.

"Why not, dear?"

"Well, I can't read 'n' I can't write 'n' they won't let me talk—so what's the use?"

Student (to professor)—What's that you wrote on my paper?

Professor—I told you to write plainer.

Son: "Dad, what is heredity?"

Dad: "Heredity, my boy, is what a man believes in until his son begins to act like a fool."

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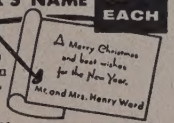

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